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QUEEN'S COLLEGE PRIZE-GIVING

THE REPORT HIS EXCELLENCY DISTRIBUTES THE PRIZES INTERESTING SPEECH

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) was present this morning at Queen's College and, before distributing the prizes to the successful pupils, delivered a very interesting speech with regard to the College.

The visitors also included Sir Henry and Lady Pollock, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. W. W. Hornell, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong, Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education, Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Sayer, Mr. J. Ralston and Mr. Hin-shing Lo.

There was a very large attendance of pupils and their friends in the College Hall, where the presentation ceremony took place.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT

Mr. A. H. Crook, M.A., Headmaster, presented his report as follows:

At the beginning of 1928 we had 618 pupils on the roll as against 595 at the beginning of 1927. From pupils dropping out and others being taken on in their places we attained a total number of 667 scholars for the year.

Divisions of Class 8 and divisions of Class 3 are the only classes into which we admit new boys in any number. The other classes are generally filled by promotions from the classes immediately below.

In the divisions of Class 8 we received 83 new boys, and in the divisions of Class 3 we admitted 103 new boys from the Government District schools, who had passed the Class IV departmental examination.

A Good Average
The number of school days was 227—exactly the same as last year—one more than the usual, due to the unfortunate calamity that the Birthday of Confucius and the 10th of the 10th month (western reckoning) both fell on the same day, and that a half holiday!

The average daily attendance was 88.1 per cent, just about the same as last year which was 88 per cent. School teachers, I think, will agree with me that this is a good average. It is certainly an improvement on our own average of a few years ago. It shows that the health of the school is not bad. No doubt the greatly improved general health of the Colony so closely affects us that it is largely responsible for this good attendance. No serious outbreak of any epidemic took place or affected us.

Vigour in Sports
Our sports were carried on much as usual. Through the kindness of the Chinese Bathing Club we were enabled to hold our annual swimming gala at their bathing enclosure at North Point when we had a very successful day's amusement with quite a large number of entrants. Our other sports, volleyball, football, basketball, tennis and a certain amount of cricket were carried on with vigour.

There is a certain danger of our sports suffering from too much specialisation by particular persons. Sport at schools is intended to increase the general health of the students and to make them mentally more alert and fitter to their work. In this respect inter-class games give a better scope than inter-school competitions for generally healthy exercise.

Two Great Links
The two great links which connect those who have left us with the interests and life of the College are the Old Boys' Association and the "Yellow Dragon." Both of these, though they have had their ups and downs, have had a successful year. We are fortunate in having a number of old boys who still take a deep interest in the welfare of the College. To the Old Boys' Association we are indebted for some of our scholarships, and to old boys and members of the Association we are also indebted for most of the money for these costly prizes which are to be distributed to-day. During the year the Association suffered the sad loss of the President, Mr. Lee Hysan. He had been a boy and pupil-teacher here.

STILL PROGRESSING SATISFACTORY REPORT ON H.M. THE KING

THE BOGNOR TRIP

London, Yesterday.
Reuter is officially informed that the King's progress is being maintained.

The King's Journey

The Queen, who was accompanied by Princess Mary, visited Bognor this afternoon to inspect the arrangements made for the King's stay at Craigwell House. The journey was made by motor-car.

Her Majesty and the Princess returned to London in the evening. It is expected that the King will go to Bognor in about a week's time.—British Wireless Service.

Queen Makes Plans

It is expected the King will go to Bognor on the 7th inst., weather permitting. H.M.'s medical advisers believe the anxious journey should be made by road, thus minimising the King's moves.

The Queen has selected a small private hotel as a guest house while the Court is at Aldwick which contains 16 bedrooms in which electric fires are being fixed.

Expert's View

The "British Medical Journal," referring to the King's "slow but steady progress towards convalescence," mentions that his temperature has settled down and pulse quiet. His sleep is better and more solid food is being taken. The journal pays a tribute to the King's doctors and nurses' skill and devotion which have been allowed full scope throughout, for which "the nation owes a great debt to the Queen, whose courage has been an example to her people."

—Reuter.

and had always shown a deep interest in the College. To him we are indebted for several scholarships and prizes.

Philanthropic Gifts

Here also I should like to mention that this year at the present prize-giving we are awarding for the first time whole Free Scholarships in each class from 8 to 5 inclusive. These are to be annual. They are part of the munificent gift of Mr. Woo Hay-tong, himself an honoured old boy of this College, as was also his father, the late Mr. Woo Lai-woon, before him. We can conceive of no worthier cause than education as a benevolent objective for the philanthropic gifts of those who have benefited thereby.

The "Yellow Dragon" must be one of the oldest school magazines. It is not the oldest in the Far East. It is now entering on its thirtieth year of continued existence. This according to Confucius dates the beginning of personal independence and self-control and a well known modern writer speaks of 30 as the grand climacteric, after which the individual's career is made or marred. But dragons by reputation are long lived and difficult to kill; and this one bids fair to round the century. It is read by a large number of old boys widely scattered over the Far East.

Few Alterations

We made very few alterations in the general organisation or working of the school. In the commercial division of the matriculation class we introduced a little elementary training on the typewriter because so many business firms and offices when enquiring for clerks give preference to those who know something of the use of a typewriter.

The removal of the Technical Institute students from the basement laboratory enabled us to use that room for other purposes and at the suggestion of the Second Master it was converted into a special room for geography. This is a very important change. No subject seems to me to have as large an educational value as geography, especially in the applications of physical geography and its underlying principles to man, his agriculture and commerce.

Mental Discipline

The convenience of being able to collect in one room all the beautiful relief models of the continents which we have, and the instruments for elementary instruction in measurements and position on the

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OPIUM SCHEME IS "RIDICULOUS"

U.S. PROPOSAL

STRONG CRITICISM BY BRITISH
DELEGATES

IDEA "BURIED"

Geneva, Yesterday.
The Opium Commission began the discussion of the American Government's proposals for the limitation of production and traffic in narcotics.

Mr. Van Vettum (Holland) and Mr. Sato (Japan) both contended that the commission should allow the Geneva Convention of 1925, which is only now being enforced, time to show what it could do. The Convention had envisaged suitable and sufficient measures and the American project could do no more and would be impossible to apply.

A Suggestion

Signor Cavazzone (Italy) suggested that the commission postpone the discussion and submit the American proposals to all states, even those not members of the League, and request them to forward their observations on the basis of which the Commission could resume discussion. Signor Cavazzone also announced that Mr. Duce Mussolini had instructed the Minister of Finance preliminarily to examine the proposal to create a monopoly of narcotics in Italy.

British Opposition

Sir John Campbell (India) severely criticised the American proposal and described it as ridiculous. He urged the Commission not to trouble about it.

Sir Malcolm Delavigne supported Sir J. Campbell and emphasised the difficulties in the way of the scheme. Sir J. Campbell's motion for the burying of the proposal was ultimately carried.—Reuter.

AFGHAN TURMOIL

HOW BRITAIN KEEPS NEUTRAL

STATEMENT FROM INDIA

New Delhi, Yesterday.

Sir Denys Bray, in a statement in the Assembly regarding the situation in Afghanistan, declared that not a single soldier or gun had been moved to the frontier. The daily life of the frontier garrisons remained undisturbed.

All the tribes remained steady, though individual tribesmen were unable to resist the strong and natural impulse to enter the turmoil on one side or another. The tribesmen's support was being canvassed by the adherents of the three Governments at Kandahar, Kabul and Jalalabad and the efforts of the British frontier officers were taxed to prevent headstrong tribal action and to compel the observance of the Government policy of scrupulous non-interference.—Reuter.

CHINESE CONSUL

COMMUNITY'S WELCOME AT SINGAPORE

Singapore, Jan. 24.

The recently appointed Consul-General to Singapore, Mr. Tong Lao, and Mrs. Tong Lao, arrived in Singapore this morning by the Porthos II.

Mr. Tong Lao was met by Mr. Li-Tehun, the departing Consul-General, and representatives of over 60 guilds in cars bearing each guild's name. In addition there were members of all classes of the Chinese community which has expressed its welcome by flying their national flag throughout the town.

Mr. Tong Lao is a slight young man of about 28 years of age. He was for two years at the Court of St. James and prior to that he was attaché in the Chinese Legation in the United States.

He has held Consular appointments at Padang, Sourabaya and Nagasaki.

He left Nanking over a month ago, and is very hopeful of the Nanking Government's success in putting an end to all China's troubles.

He had a very pleasant voyage out, and told a "Straits Times" representative that the sight of so many Chinese sampans in the harbour made him feel quite at home.

Mr. Li-Tehun will be leaving for Canada in about a fortnight's time. "Straits Times."

ENGLAND OPENS 4TH TEST MATCH

77 FOR 0

HOBBS AND SUTCLIFFE BATTING
AT ADELAIDE

CHAPMAN WINS TOSS

Adelaide, To-day.
Before a crowd of 15,000 people, in cool but overcast weather, on a hard wicket, the fourth Test match opened this morning, Chapman winning the toss and standing in Hobbs and Sutcliffe.

By the time the lunch interval arrived England had scored, according to Reuter, 77 runs for no loss.

The England team, as announced in a cable a few days ago, remains unchanged from that which won the second and third Tests, which means that the following have yet to bat:—D. R. Jardine, W. R. Hammond, E. Hendren, A. P. F. Chapman (captain), G. Geary, M. W. Tate, H. Larwood, G. Duckworth, J. C. White.

Steady Play

Both bowling and batting were on the steady side, and the fifty was sent up in 63 minutes. Before lunch it was real fighting cricket that was played, and at the interval the scores stood:—

J. B. Hobbs, not out 41
H. Sutcliffe, not out 81
Extras 5

Total (for 0 wk.) 77

SOCCER CARTOON

Stan Hill, the popular cartoonist, having returned from leave, resumes his series of weekly sports cartoons in tomorrow's "China Mail." His first, to-morrow, will be a local football—a topical subject in view of the approaching Interport matches with Shanghai.

As usual, to-morrow's "China Mail" will contain all the usual features. Make sure of your copy.

A very interesting cartoon of one of the members of the Legislative Council will also appear in to-morrow's "China Mail's" Art Supplement.

MARSHAL LI HERE

RETURNING TO HIS NATIVE PROVINCE

LUNGHON AT GOVT. HOUSE

Marshal Li Chai-sum, with four other Nationalist officials, arrived at



Marshal Li Chai-sum.

Kowloon wharf on the P. & O. s.s. "Mores" early this morning from Shanghai.

Captain A. J. L. Whyte, Aide-de-Camp, met Marshal Li on behalf of H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.).

Mr. Chu Chao-shin, Commissioner for Foreign Affairs at Canton (who has just resigned his concurrent appointment of Superintendent of Customs, Canton), accompanied Mrs. Li Chai-sum down from Canton to greet Marshal Li.

Marshal Li crossed to Hong Kong in the Government's motor-launch "Britannia" and then motored to No. 63, Robinson-road, the residence of Mr. Kong Shu-ai, Superintendent of

PRINCE'S CONCERN FOR PEOPLE

"IT WILL TAKE TIME"

TOUCHING INCIDENT DURING
COAL FIELD TOUR

ASSURANCE TO MAN OR

Above the cheers of the people thronging round the Prince of Wales in one of the long and mean streets of Jarrow rose the cry "Let me just touch him!"

It was a blind woman. The Prince was then entering a cottage to visit a bed-ridden septuagenarian, who had been employed for 50 years in a shipyard where there are now only 3,000 workers compared with a normal 12,000.

The Prince heard the cry and stopped and raised his hat. He asked the crowd to make way and shook her hand and talked kindly to the woman.

This was one of the many incidents betokening the affection for the Prince among folks living under appalling conditions.

Conversing with the mayor of Durham, H.R.H. said: I am very touched by what I have seen of the bravery, patience and hope of these poor people. I am sure things will be righted, but afraid it will take time.

The people I met on this tour could not have been nicer to me personally. It is wonderful!"

FOR SINGAPORE

FACTS ABOUT CRUSHING MACHINERY

A \$11,000 ORDER

London, Yesterday.

In the Commons, in reply to questions, Mr. Bridgeman stated that an order for crushing machinery costing about \$11,000 for the Singapore base had been placed with an English-registered company.

Fifty-five per cent. of the value would be manufactured in Belgium, 25 per cent. in the United States and 20 per cent. in Britain.—Reuter.

HOME EXPORTS

SATISFACTORY INCREASE IN FIGURES

PIECE GOODS AND SILK

London, Yesterday.

The big increase in British exports in 1928 indicate the growing popularity of mixed piecegoods cotton and artificial silk. Official figures issued by the Manchester Chamber of Commerce reveal that shipments valued at nearly six and a half millions sterling, an increase of nearly two millions compared with 1927.

All markets took increased quantities, Brazil's receipts mounting by leaps and bounds in recent months.—Reuter.

15 GUNS A TIME

VICE-ADMIRALS EXCHANGE SALUTES

TRANSFER OF FLAG

Vice-Admiral A. K. Walsell, C.B. (the new Commander-in-Chief, China Station), who arrived from Home yesterday, hoisted his flag in H.M.S. "Cornwall" this morning.

Salutes of 15 guns each were then exchanged between his Excellency and his predecessor, Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Y. Tyrwhitt, Bart., K.C.B., D.S.O., D.O.L., who will strike his flag in H.M.S. "Kent" at sunset to-day, when the new Commander-in-Chief will transfer his flag to "Kent."

Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt leaves for Home to-morrow, at noon, on the "Mores."

The Chinese Telegraphs Administration, Hong Kong.

After mid-day, Marshal Li visited Government House and conversed for the first time with His Excellency since the latter's return from leave. Marshal Li was entertained at luncheon.

Marshal Li left Kowloon by special train at 2.15 p.m. for Canton. After staying there a few days he goes up the West River to Kwangsi, his native province, to attend the funeral ceremonies of his mother, which will occupy a week or so, and he will then return to Canton.

THE LAST TIME ST. STEPHEN'S BOYS OUT AT PROSPECT PLACE

ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING

For the last time in the temporary accommodation at Prospect Place—prior to entry into the new school building at Stanley—the annual prize-distribution ceremony of St. Stephen's College was held this morning, when a large and distinguished gathering watched Mr. Kwok Shu-lau, J.P., a benefactor of education in the Colony, give out the awards.

His Lordship the Bishop of Victoria (Rt. Rev. C. R. Duppuy, D.D.), who is chairman of the College Council, presided. Others present included the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, O.B.E., LL.D. and Mr. Li Hoi-tung (both members of the College Council), Mr. Kwok Yau-ting and Mr. Buchanan.

Mr. F. A. Britton, M.A., acting Warden, presented his report as follows:—

Our numbers remained steady throughout the year the total number in attendance being 167 of whom 63 were boarders. The accommodation for boarders at Pokfulam has been filled to the uttermost, and the Staff have been content with a minimum of space for themselves. We are looking forward with keen anticipation to the move to Stanley which should take place soon after Easter.

Council

The College congratulated Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso on his becoming a member of the Legislative Council. Dr. Tso is one of the Founders of St. Stephen's and has, from the beginning, given Services of inestimable value. Sir Henry Pollock has given a great deal of time to the College during the past year as Chairman of the Building Committee. We offer him our most sincere thanks. Dr. J. H. Saunders retired from the Council after many years of faithful service. We wish him a continuance of good health and many happy years in England.

Staff

In January Mr. T. J. Price, B.Sc., left us and in the same month Rev. E. K. Quick rejoined the Staff. We congratulate Mr. Quick on his appointment to the headmastership of the Cathedral School, Shanghai. We are to retain his services until the Summer. Mr. Li Hoi-nga joined us at Chinese New Year. Miss Griffin has been doing good work in Geography in several forms, replacing Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. J. Asche arrived in September. Mr. Asche is M. Sc. B.C.E., of Melbourne and holds the Diploma of Education. Mrs. Asche is teaching drawing. Rev. E. W. L. Martin, who was appointed Warden in September, sailed on furlough on November 23, when Mr. F. A. Britton was appointed Acting Warden. Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Carpenter arrived on December 9. Mr. Carpenter is M.A., M.Sc., A.I.C., of Dublin University, and Mrs. Carpenter is a trained Kindergarten teacher.

Sympathy is expressed on all sides with Rev. W. H. Hewitt upon his wife's continued poor health which has prevented Mr. Hewitt's return.

Chinese Studies

Chinese Studies have been under Mr. A. Ling, B.A., Chinese headmaster, and Mr. C. H. Tam, B.A., with Messrs Li Hoi-nga and Kwan Shu-kui. Two additional classes have been formed for Overseas Students who have joined the College to learn Chinese.

Chinese essays by Form VI. were kindly examined by Mr. Li King-hong, B.A., who wrote "Their material indicates that the Students have paid better attention to their Chinese Studies than in previous years."

Examinations

In the Matriculation Examination, 18 entered and 6 passed; in the Senior Local 12 entered and 4 passed; in the Junior Local 16 entered and 11 passed. Ling Sung-kui, son of our Chinese headmaster, is to be congratulated on obtaining a Distinction in English. Distinctions were also obtained in Mathematics and Scripture. The percentage of passes in the Junior is the highest in the history of the College.

Sports

Tennis has been as popular as ever, and the six have been well up to the high standard which is expected of St. Stephen's. In spite of the handicap of having a ground only once a week far away, football has been played regularly. Basketball has been revived and is popular. Hockey also has been played this year on the small ground at Pokfulam and the Students have taken it up very keenly. Swim-

THE "HSINWAH" INQUIRY

TO-DAY'S EVIDENCE

FURTHER DETAILS AS TO WHAT HAPPENED

MR. JACOBSEN'S STORY

At the resumption of the "Hsinwah" inquiry at the Central Magistrate's this morning, Mr. Peter Jacobsen, the Chief Officer of the ill-fated ship was re-called, and said in reply to the Coroner that he last saw the Captain between 8.30 and 9 p.m., on January 15, when he came on the bridge and handed the witness the night orders. The Captain was quite sober then. As a matter of fact, witness had never seen the Captain the worse for liquor on board the ship.

In reply to further questions the Chief Officer said that the installation of wireless on board the "Hsinwah" was made about the middle of December. At the time of the disaster, the wireless outfit was on board, but not connected, and the ship did not carry a wireless operator.

After the ship struck, the witness saw Wagon light-house signal to the ship, with a Morse lamp, but he could not reply because all the ship's lamps were out. Although the dynamo was still going, the electrical connection between the engine room and the bridge was gone. There was no oil Morse lamps on board the ship.

The Ship's Course
The Coroner asked if the ship was coming round the south of Hong Kong, as the witness thought it was, why did it go round the north of Wagon instead of taking the proper course, which was south of the island.

Witness said he was unable to explain that.

Li Wan-po, the Chief Steward of the "Hsinwah," said that he was asleep when the ship struck at about 3.30 a.m., on the 15th. He was aroused by the ship striking and immediately went out, and saw Wagon light on the port side. Just then there were two other crashes at the ship's bow. After putting on a lifeboat in the saloon on the main deck and issuing some to passengers, witness went to the top deck and where he saw the Captain who brought rockets and blue lights from his cabin and fired them from the doorway of the cabin. The Captain was assisted by the Chief and Second Engineers.

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ming parties were held regularly in the Summer and boarders bathed almost daily at Pokfulam.

Christian Union
Religious meetings have been arranged throughout the year. Collections have been made and sent to the Chinese Mission to Lepers, the Pakhoi Hospital, and local institutions.

Free Night School
Under the Headmastership of Young Sze-leung the Night School had a good year, and there was a constant supply of voluntary teachers from amongst our Students.

Silver Anniversary
The 25th Anniversary of the College was celebrated by an Old Boys' Dinner on April 8, at which there was an attendance of more than seventy.

New Buildings
On April 27, 1928, H. E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, laid the Foundation Stone of the Main Building at Stanley Peninsula. We have many applications for rooms in the new School, and we look forward with confidence to seeing you who are present to-day rejoicing with us when we formally open our buildings on Stanley Peninsula.

Prize List
The list of awards was as follows:—

Dux of School: Ling Sun-kui.
Form VI.—Ling Sung-kui (Dux and 1st in English, History, Science); Young Sze-leung (1st in Scripture, Geography); Chan Kwong-chung (1st in Mathematics); Chu, Chu-song (2nd in Science).

Form V.—Lai Hau-sik (Dux and 1st in English); Lee Hui-ngak (1st in Scripture, History); Chang Tong-moh (1st in Geography); Lau Po-ying (1st in Mathematics, Science).

Form IV.—Wong Cho-tong (Dux and 1st in Geography, History); Chui Kai-ning (1st in Scripture).

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KAWACHI MARU Monday, 4th March.
NEW YORK via PANAMA.
ATAGO MARU Friday, 1st February.
KUMA MARU Saturday, 9th February.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Geneva, Marseilles.
DELAGO MARU Wednesday, 20th February.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
MALACCA MARU Saturday, 9th February.
NAGANO MARU Friday, 15th February.
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Colombo, Suez and Port Said.
ATLAS MARU Friday, 8th February.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore,
Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.
MONTVIDEO MARU Friday, 8th February, 1929.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.
HONOLULU MARU Sunday, 3rd February.
SUMATRA MARU Tuesday, 19th February.
(Calls at Penang & Karachi).
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR
& MOSAMBIQUE—Via Singapore & Colombo.
CHICAGO MARU Tuesday, 5th February.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
SEATTLE MARU Friday, 1st February.
(Calls at Belawan Doli).
KASADO MARU Monday, 18th February.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports From
Shanghai.
ALABAMA MARU Sunday, 3rd February.
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.
HIMALAYA MARU Wednesday, 6th February.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.
KORSO MARU Monday, 4th February.
HAIPHONG—Via Hoihow & Pakhol.
MENADO MARU Thursday, 14th February 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
JAPAN PORTS.
SHINYO MARU Saturday, 2nd February.
ALASKA MARU Tuesday, 12th February.
KEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY.
CANTON MARU Sunday, 3rd February Noon.
HOZAN MARU Sunday, 7th February Noon.
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SHIPPING SECTION.

'HSINWAH' DISASTER

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Later witness went with the second engineer and the boatman to lower No. 1 lifeboat but could not get to it on account of the large number of people in it and surrounding it. Witness then returned to his cabin and when he came back soon afterwards he did not see any of the officers. When he got to the top deck again, No. 3 lifeboat was in the water and was being rowed off. Together with several other persons witness got on to a raft which floated when the ship foundered. No. 1 lifeboat was never launched.

Finally, the raft on which the witness went ashore on a small island. This was about 7 or 8 a.m., the same day, after 2 or 3 hours' drifting. At that time there were only the witness and two other men on the raft. About 12 others died of the cold and were washed away. On the morning of the 17th the witness was rescued by a fishing boat and reached Cheungchau on the morning of the 18th.

The Coroner recorded this as: "Two mornings later I was rescued by a fishing junk."

Loud Explosion
Witness added that there was a loud explosion when the ship sank. Afterwards, when it was daylight, whilst drifting on the raft, witness saw the Chief and Second Engineers on another raft near by. He saw them both washed off the raft. The Chief Engineer disappeared, but the second engineer swam towards a capsized lifeboat to which 5 or 6 persons were clinging. Of these people, the witness recognised the ship's carpenter, two quartermasters and the No. 1 fireman. Then the raft and the capsized boat drifted apart and witness did not know what happened to those clinging to the boat. However, he saw the second engineer reach the upturned boat. The inquiry was adjourned until 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday next.

Naval Position
Yesterday afternoon evidence was given by Paymaster Lieut.-Comdr. D. H. Pasmore, Secretary to the Commodore. He said that he received the first message of the disaster soon after 5 a.m. In view of the fact that the Taikoo tug was sent, it was decided to take no other action. The Naval duty tug would have taken about two hours to raise steam and one hour to get to Wai-lan.

Another message was received at 5.30 a.m., and again no action was taken in view of the fact that there was no indication in either message that the tug sent out could not deal with the situation or that the vessel carried passengers.

Questioned as to whether there was any arrangement between the local Government and the Navy with regard to taking action in such circumstances, the witness said that the news was passed to the Navy, but there was actually no ship held in readiness. There was a destroyer on patrol about "three hours" away which might have been of use if the nature of the wreck had been known. The Naval tug was for Naval emergency and there was no special arrangement with the Government for its use.

No Tug
In any case it was doubtful if the small tug would have been sent out in that strong monsoon. There was a large tug which would have taken about six hours to raise steam. As it had not been thought necessary, there was no discussion about sending out any tug.

The Commodore was informed at 8 a.m., but the witness added that the Staff Officer would have authority to send out a destroyer if the Commodore was not within touch. There was no destroyer standing by at that time which could have raised steam at short notice.

Asked if there was any arrangement by which news of such a disaster would have been broadcasted for the benefit of any ship which might have been in the vicinity, the witness said that the D'Aguiar Station always did that.

Lifeboats Served Out
A Chinese boatswain of the "Hain-wah" then gave evidence. He was asleep when the ship struck, and was aroused by the quartermaster. Witness went to the boat deck where he saw a lot of passengers running about. All the 500 lifebelts on the ship were served out and some sailors unfasted eight rafts.

The witness' boat was No. 6 on the poop but he did not go to that boat because he saw a lot of people running away from it. He went to No. 1 boat instead. When it became fully loaded with passengers it could not be lowered because of the crowd.

When the ship was nearly sinking witness heard someone call out that a boat was being lowered. It was No. 3 boat and witness got into it by sliding down ropes. Witness could not explain why passengers in the crowded No. 1 boat did not go to No. 3 boat. As a matter of fact the witness did not know who were passengers and who were crew until the lifeboat had left the ship.

"No Time To Wait"
Witness: There was such confusion that he could not distinguish. We had no time to wait for passengers.

Coroner: That is just about the truth. You think, as the boatswain of the ship that is a nice thing to say. Do you?

Witness stated that the crew did not prevent passengers from getting into the boat.

One of the four passengers who managed to get into No. 3 boat was a cargo coolie working on the Kowloon wharves, who travelled steerage on the "Hsinwah". He alleged that the crew prevented passengers from getting into No. 3 boat by pushing them back. Witness himself managed to climb down a rope on to the boat, but even then someone had attempted to pull him away from the rope.

THE S.S. 'VESTRI'

London, Yesterday.
Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, President of the Board of Trade, stated in the House of Commons that an enquiry would be held into the loss of the steamship "Vestri" by the Wreck Commissioner assisted by assessors, Mr. Aspinall, K.C., would act as Commissioner.—British Wireless Service.

HONG KONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kaulung tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Deberet during the years 1897-1898 and 1899.

The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval Yard, and Aberdeen, the differences being very small. The times of high and low water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

DATE HIGH WATER LOWER WATER					
Feb.	Standard Time	Ht.	Standard Time	Ht.	
Fri.	1 m. 3. 16	4.5	1 m. 5. 33	2.7	
Sat.	2 m. 5. 48	5.1	2 m. 8. 14	2.4	
Sun.	3 m. 8. 31	5.2	3 m. 11. 54	2.0	
Mon.	4 m. 11. 20	5.3	4 m. 15. 05	1.6	
Tue.	5 m. 14. 05	5.0	5 m. 18. 45	1.2	
Wed.	6 m. 16. 55	4.5	6 m. 21. 31	0.8	
Thurs.	7 m. 19. 45	3.8	7 m. 24. 15	0.4	

Christmas dinners for 10,000 people in England, who were described as "down and out" were supplied by the Salvation Army.

COASTAL SHIPPING

SERIOUS EFFECT OF DE-RATING BLOCK GRANT

London.—An important statement regarding the probable effect of the Government's de-rating scheme on the coastal services of the country was issued by the Chamber of Shipping.

"The desire of the Government to help coal, iron, steel, agriculture and other depressed industries is right and natural," the statement begins. "Shipowners might have reasonably claimed that they were a depressed industry, since freights to-day are lower than they were before the war, and the costs of operation range from 50 to 100 per cent. higher. Nevertheless, they are content to see the benefit of the Government de-rating scheme concentrated in the manner proposed, hoping that they may reap indirect advantages from the revival of trade which it is hoped will follow."

Referring to the decision to anticipate the date of operation of the scheme so far as railways were concerned, the statement comments: "The result of this alteration in the original scheme will be to inflict injustice both on the dock authorities and on those who are responsible for maintaining the shipping services round our coasts."

Competition With Railways

"The latter have been since the war in fierce competition with the railway companies, which have maintained differential rates on the coast for the specific object of attracting traffic which formerly went by sea.

"The coastal shipping industry is thus threatened with a dual handicap. In the first place, the dock authorities will have no relief to pass on to them through the charges which are made, and in the second place the railways will receive relief enabling them to reduce their rates to the further disadvantage of coastal shipping."

"If a large part of the traffic now carried by coastal shipping is diverted to the railways as a result of the de-rating benefits, it will be practically impossible for the coasters to recover this traffic when the full de-rating scheme comes into operation, with the result that a considerable proportion of our coasting fleets may go out of commission and the nation may be the poorer by the loss of those services."

"As matters stand, however, it is essential that the Government should find some means of preserving the coastal services for the nation and it is suggested that this could most readily be done by granting a block grant either to the dock authorities or direct to coastal shipping to tide over the period."

Precedent For Grant

"There is precedent for such action in the measures taken by the Government in 1918 to restore the coasting trade after the war, and as it is believed that the machinery for this scheme is still in existence, it should present no difficulty in administration.

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EMPEROR OF FRANCE	Feb. 13	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 21	Mar. 2
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Mar. 6	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 14	Mar. 23
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Mar. 20	Mar. 23	Mar. 26	Mar. 28	Apr. 6
EMPEROR OF FRANCE	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 27
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	May 1	May 4	May 7	May 9	May 18
EMPEROR OF ASIA	May 15	May 18	May 21	May 23	June 1
EMPEROR OF FRANCE	June 5	June 8	June 11	June 13	June 22
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 3	July 13
EMPEROR OF ASIA	July 10	July 13	July 16	July 18	July 27
EMPEROR OF FRANCE	July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 17
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Aug. 21	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 29	Sept. 7

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Mar. 8	Mar. 10	EMPEROR OF ASIA	Mar. 17

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Sir William Seager, president of the Chamber of Shipping, discussing the statement later, said that they had approached Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, President of the Board of Trade, and Colonel Ashley, Minister of Transport, on the matter, and those two gentlemen were conferring to see if anything could be done. "We are afraid, however," Sir William added, "that it is those who hold the purse strings—the Treasury—who will decide the matter in the end."

Sir Alfred Read, managing director of Coast Lines, Ltd., said that although the sea coast of Great Britain was the mother of shipping, coastal transport by ship seemed to be left out of all calculations. Unless the Government admitted it was not a sound policy to do anything that would destroy transit round our coasts, he could see little hope for the future of the profitable running of coastal vessels.

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KHIVA	9,135	15th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
MIRZAPUR	6,715	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
TALMA	10,000	19th Feb.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
MALWA	10,086	1st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*WAGHORE	5,283	4th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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KHYRER	5,114	8th Mar.	Shanghai.
SANTHIA	7,754	15th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama & Osaka.
NATIDERA	14,088	15th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KARWATA	9,123	22nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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PROBLEMS

PORT HAS LOST

In a report to be issued shortly by the Regional Plan Association of New York and its Environs, which embodies the results of a study made as part of a complete survey of the New York region, the adoption of some comprehensive plan of port improvement is advocated.

Development of port facilities, the report states, has been mostly in the nature of temporary expedients and not calculated to offer a permanent solution of the traffic problem. While attributing part of the decline in New York's proportion of the nation's tariff to the expansion of foreign trade in other parts of the country, the report says that one reason for the decline, and perhaps the chief reason, has been the failure to improve the port's facilities at a rate commensurate with the rate of expansion of the nation's business.

"Since 1890," says the report, "while New York's commerce has increased greatly and the population of the city has grown to more than 6,000,000, the port has lost relatively its percentage of exports and imports for the most part slowly, but steadily declining, except during the early years of the war. The excessive congestion arising from the sudden increase of trade during the war emphasised more than ever the inadequacy of the facilities and methods employed to handle traffic within the port."

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T'au via S'ow & S'hai	KWANGSANG	Tues., 5th Feb. at 7 a.m.
T'au via S'ow & S'hai	CHAKSANG	Wed., 13th Feb. at 7 a.m.
T'au via S'ow & S'hai	FOOSHING	Sun., 17th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Kobe via Keelung, S'hai & Moji	HOSANG	Wed., 6th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Moji & Kobe	YAMASANG	Fri., 15th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	KUTSANG	Sun., 24th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	FOOKSANG	Sat., 2nd Feb. at 1 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	YUENSANG	Tues., 12th Feb. at 1 p.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Fri., 8th Feb. at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Wed., 20th Feb. at Noon
Canton	CHAKSANG	Mon., 4th Feb. at 5 a.m.

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front. Public and private agencies have expended vast sums of money to construct new and better facilities, and there has even been a considerable dispersal of traffic to uncongested areas within the port district. But for the most part the changes have been in the nature of temporising expedients.

Awaiting Solution
"Because of a deficiency of real co-operation, especially between minor Government agencies and corporations, and because of a reluctance to subordinate individual to general interest, it has been impossible to put into execution any comprehensive plan designed to solve the complex problems connected with handling at a maximum of efficiency and economy the enormous trade which centres at New York. These problems still await solution. Each year they become more difficult and complex. The welfare of New York and of the United States, as a whole demands that an urgent effort be made to carry out a comprehensive plan whereby they may be solved."

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The M.V. "Remo" sailed from Singapore on Tuesday, and is due here on Feb. 4.

The Dollar Liner "President Lincoln" sailed from this port for Manila at 2 a.m. yesterday. Home-bound, she will sail as per schedule on Feb. 5.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benedit" from Middlesbrough, Dunkirk, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here on Feb. 6.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" (R.V. Cruise) is due at Hong Kong on Feb. 18 at a.m.

The s.s. "Plave" sailed from Karachi on Jan. 28, and is expected here on Feb. 18.

The M.V. "Viminale" sailed from Massawa on Jan. 28, and is expected here on Feb. 28.

Projected arrivals at and departures from Hong Kong of steamers under the management of the Bank Line, Ltd., are as follows:—

Arrivals at Hong Kong

S.S. "City of Khartoum," from Europe, Feb. 24.

S.S. "City of Guilford," from New York, March 2.

S.S. "Roseric," from New York, March 2.

Sailings from Hong Kong

S.S. "Polaric," Saigon, Feb. 8.

S.S. "City of Madras," London, Rotterdam and Hamburg, Feb. 9.

S.S. "Myrtlebank," Boston, New York and Baltimore, Feb. 15.

S.S. "City of Khartoum," Shanghai and Japan ports, Feb. 25.

S.S. "City of Guilford," Shanghai, March 8.

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RANGOON

THE NEW IMPROVEMENT
SCHEMES

The chief city of Lower Burma, Rangoon, is also a port of importance. It commands the mouth of the Irrawadi, which is navigable almost over the whole of its length, and is becoming one of the great commercial highways of the Far East.

The affairs of the port are administered by a Commission, some of the members of which are Government officials, or are appointed by the Government. Other members are elected by the Rangoon Corporation, and by various chambers of commerce and trade organisations.

According to the report of the Commissioners for the year ending March 31, 1928, steamers to the number of 1,526, having an aggregate net tonnage of 3,880,057, and 129 sailing ships, having a total net tonnage of 10,293, entered the port during the year. Compared with the previous year, the number and tonnage of vessels show an increase of 15 in number, and 63,553 tons in net tonnage. The total seaborne trade of Rangoon during the twelve months under review was 5,558,831 tons, of which 1,938,688 tons were imports, 3,575,075 tons exports, and 15,068 tons transshipments.

As is the case with all busy ports, development and improvement schemes are continually in progress. A project for linking up Lattier Street and Sule Pagoda wharves by a reinforced concrete wharf has been studied in detail, and anti-cipated, commencing shortly. The work will provide an additional berth 516ft. in length, and includes the building of a double-storeyed transit shed. Numerous works connected with the development of the foreshore at Lammadaw have been started, and partially completed during the year under review. These comprise the erection of steel frame godowns roofed with asbestos sheet, the construction of new timber cargo boat jetties and pontoons, and the laying out of new roads, railway sidings, and drains.

Inland Traffic
The equipment of the depot at Botatoung for inland vessel traffic has been completed during the year, states "Engineering." The depot consists of 29 godowns, and one open shed, having a total floor area of 103,620 square feet, roads, railway sidings, and three double pontoons. Further extensions subsequently became necessary, and the

building of additional godowns has been put in hand. A new import sale depot at Upper Pazundaung was completed, and brought into service on August 21, 1927; it comprises 32 godowns, having a total floor area of 129,080 square feet, capable of storing 40,600 tons of salt.

Good progress has been made with the King's Bank reclamation scheme. The construction of the wall has now been completed at a total cost of Rs. 38,66,231; upwards of 7,680,000 cubic feet of stone were used in the work. Reclamation operations at present being carried out at the shore end of the wall will eventually provide an additional area of three acres, which will be utilised for the storage of coal and mooring plant, and for other purposes.

A number of new surveys of the river and port approaches has been conducted during the year under consideration. Dredging operations were carried out in the Danidaw reach, and in the berths at wharves and jetties of the port, and sand silt totalling 917,500 tons were removed.

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The market will lose £230,000, which is her insured value, to which must be added insurance against "total loss only," and a heavy loss on cargo, even though much of this may be salvaged.

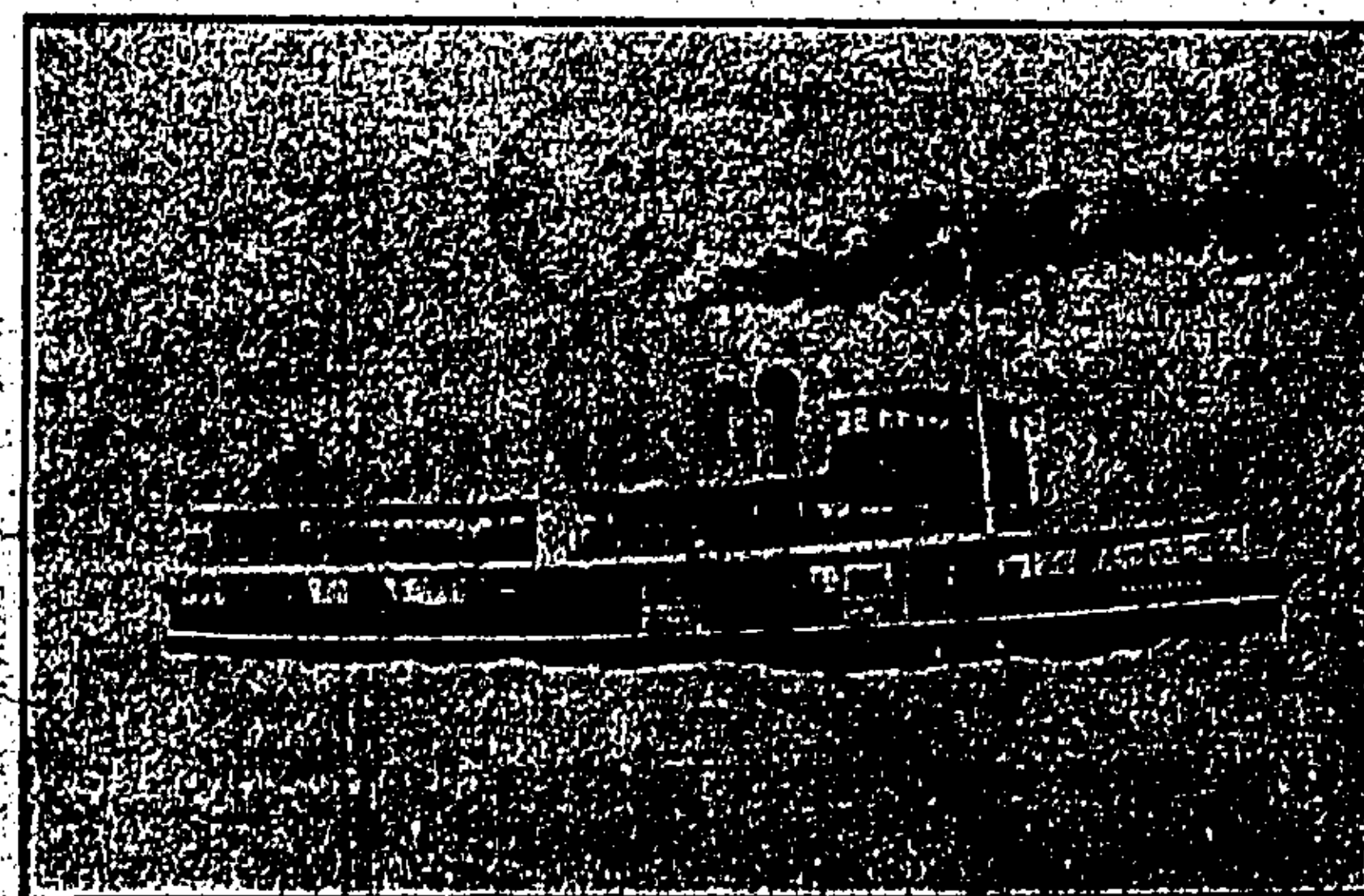
The swelling of wooden blocks caused the road surface at St. George's-circus, Southwark, S.E., to rise and burst with a loud noise last month.

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THE LATEST SPANISH "COUP"

That there has been another attempt to overthrow the Spanish Government and that the coup has been unsuccessful, like its predecessors, proves two things, namely, that the Government with General Primo di Rivera as its head still has many enemies and that it is strong enough to resist opposition. This latest rising, which took place in Ciudad Real (a province of Central Spain) occurred as suddenly as the other abortive coups and, stranger still, it found the Government forces, ready to cope with it effectually. General di Rivera evidently is under no delusion as to his position in Madrid and gives every indication that he does not intend to be caught napping. The previous attempt to oust him—and it is almost certain that the risings are against General di Rivera personally—ended quite as successfully for the Dictator (for that is precisely General di Rivera's position) as this one that has been nipped incipiently at Ciudad Real. Clearly, the Dictator believes in keeping a sharp eye on those whom he may have reason to suspect and, equally clearly, he has a secret service upon whose good work he has every reason to rely. The risings prove conclusively that they are the work of ambitious and disgruntled Army officers who probably dislike General di Rivera personally quite as much as they dislike his autocratic ways.

From time to time, as in the case on Monday in Ciudad Real, these ambitious officers and

enemies of the Dictator have been able to influence the soldiers under their command to rebel. So far the result has been disastrous for the rebels. This latest attempt seems to have been as badly managed as its immediate predecessors, as it has been speedily checked. It was evidently intended to effect a wide area and probably to include Madrid itself, but for some so far unexplained reason it proved abortive except in Ciudad Real. There, an artillery regiment seized the police barracks and took up a position with guns in the street. But elsewhere no corresponding rising took place, and the Government speedily set about effecting "repressive measures." Soon—evidently the very next day—the Dictator, amidst the cheers of the Assembly in Madrid, was able to announce that the crisis in Ciudad Real was ended. By leaflets dropped from aeroplanes the rebels were informed that "the whole of Spain is quiet. Surrender immediately and return to barracks, otherwise you will be bombarded to-morrow." The rebels took the advice—and one, more attempt to overthrow Dictator Primo di Rivera has thus to be numbered with many others.

As a particularly interesting sidelight to the present abortive "coup" is the arrest of ex-Premier Sanchez Guerra, who has just been detained in a military prison at Torres de Cuarte, Valencia. Señor Guerra, it will be remembered, was mentioned in connection with the last abortive plot against the Dictator, which took place no less recently than last September. Presumably, the Dictator and his colleagues are of opinion that the ex-Premier is also mixed up in the present revolt and have evidently concluded that the time has arrived for some definite step to be taken to curb his activities. It is a dangerous step they have taken, as the ex-Premier has probably a large following throughout Spain, who are sure to be incensed by the action taken against their leader. Important and perhaps startling developments may be expected.

Religion that will endure is that which is open to new truths. If churches do not keep open minded they will get into the backwash and go out. Others will develop and take their places; it will still be religion, but it will not keep the old names—Robert A. Millikan.

Dr. Trö will distribute his 84 Paul College prize this evening in the Hall of the new St. Paul's girls' school. A farewell luncheon in honor of Mr. Evan Stewart will also take place.

Mr. W. L. Flaw has been appointed Manager of the St. Francis Hotel.

The annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society will be held in the Cathedral Hall this evening at 5.30 p.m.

An extraordinary meeting of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will be held in the City Hall to-morrow at noon.

The ordinary annual meeting of the "Star" Ferry Co., Ltd. will take place at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on Friday, February 15 at 12.30 p.m.

H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) will perform the opening ceremony at the new Alice Memorial Hospital, Bonham-road, at 3.30 p.m. on Monday next.

Mr. H. H. Rose, of the P.W.D. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bottomley and Mrs. Witchell (widow of "Bob" Witchell) returned to the Colony yesterday by the s.s. "Macedonia."

Hong Kong Horticultural Society's annual show will be held at the Volunteer Headquarters on the 21st instant. Entries close on the 13th instant in the Secretary's office.

The Rev. Father Byrne, S.J., will distribute the University certificates to the successful candidates of the French Convent School, Causeway Bay, on Thursday, February 7 at 4 p.m.

DAYLIGHT ROBBERY

CARRIED OUT IN BROAD
DAYLIGHT

A BIG HAUL

A daring armed robbery was carried out yesterday afternoon by several desperadoes at No. 1, Lower Castle-road, off Causeway, occupied by a wealthy Chinese family.

Two men appeared first, one carrying two revolvers and the other a dagger and revolver. They said that they had come to borrow \$100.

Those in the house at the time were Mrs. Wong Leung-tze, aged about 70 years, her grand-daughter and son-in-law, besides several servants.

How the robbers managed to enter the house is not known. They suddenly appeared in the old lady's room at 2.50 p.m., whilst she was giving instructions to the cook. She had her wardrobe open. Before the old lady could recover from her surprise at the audacious request for a loan by the two strangers, three other men came in.

The five had no difficulty in binding and gagging the inmates of the house. Then the place was thoroughly ransacked, the raiders getting away with jewellery, money and other property valued at \$40,607.00.

In her report to the police, Mrs. Wong states that an amah named Ah Hing, who had been employed in the house for the month, went out at 6 p.m. on Wednesday and did not return. She suspects her of having been connected with the robbery.

BOOKS & PICTURES

FURTIVE TRAFFIC IN
PORNOGRAPHY

From time to time complaints reach this office, says "Truth," about the rather furtive traffic in indecent pictures. In newspapers of indifferent reputation advertisements are inserted offering for sale reproductions of pictures in various famous picture galleries. These reproductions are almost invariably of "nude figures," and those who apply for them soon discover that they are offered other "albums" of pictures of a more exciting kind, most of the originals of which have never been on the walls of any picture gallery. In other words, they are pornographic, and the comparatively innocuous ones which are advertised in the first place are merely the means of getting into touch with those whose tastes run in the direction of the obscene.

Silence or Denunciation?
The same thing can be said with equal truth of publishers of nasty books. I forbear to give names, for the simple reason that to do so would be to give a gratuitous advertisement to these nasty-minded gentry. I see by the way, that Mr. James Douglas, in writing his purvey campaign, has learnt that to give full details about a book which he professes to want suppressed, is to defeat his own purpose. Fresh from his triumph over "The Wall of Loneliness," he dealt recently with another book "That Should Be Banned." In this instance, however, he gave only the publisher's name. Nevertheless, I am informed by a large bookseller that, subsequent to the appearance of his article, a considerable number of inquiries have been made about the book, although they had had practically

KEEPING WARM

GREATCOATS FOR INDIAN
POLICE

CHANGE IN UNIFORM

Black greatcoat for Indian Policemen on duty have made their appearance on the streets in place of the old capes which were only worn for protection from rain.

Members of the European contingent have had greatcoats for some years, but the wearing by Indian officers of the garment, obviously for keeping warm in, is an innovation.

"A GOOD SMACKING"

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE
AT 20

COUPLE CHARGED

At London Sessions Leonard Thomas Walter Clifton, a boot repairer, and Eliza Noble Bell, a domestic servant, both 20 years old, were charged with attempting to commit suicide. They had been on bail since their commitment from Lambeth Police Court on Dec. 7.

Mr. J. F. Eastwood, prosecuting, said that the youth and the girl were both of the highest character. Clifton had a boot repairing business which he was paying for by instalments, and had worked hard and kept his payments up. The girl had worked hard in domestic service.

The couple were engaged to be married, and had bought some of their furniture. They were together during the evening of Nov. 11, and when Clifton's parents went to bed they thought he was in his room. Next morning Mr. Clifton senior found his son and Miss Bell unconscious in the bedroom. Two gas jets were both turned on.

A letter was found in the room and signed "Mr. and Mrs. L. Clifton" was to be read: "We find life hard to live so we will take the best way out. Wishing all our friends the best of luck and happiness." On the reverse side of the letter was written, "I hate to do this, but it is the best way out for us. Please pay Albert, my friend, 2s 6d for the stove. Money at the shop. L. Clifton."

There were also two photographs with the following writing on the backs: "Please we wish to be put together as we are found, as we are happier together. I was told by a gipsy I would die before I was 21, and all she told me as yet has come true. It would be an unnatural death. (Signed) May."

Obviously what these two young people want is a good smacking, but unfortunately they are too old for your lordship to administer that," Mr. Eastwood remarked to the Chairman, Sir Robert Wallace, K.C.

Sir Robert: I leave that to you, Mr. Eastwood. (Laughter.)
Mr. Eastwood: I should be very pleased to give it to both of them. (Laughter.)

Detective-inspector Cory said that when he asked the accused why they attempted to commit suicide Clifton said that he got into debt and was worried about paying off the instalments on his business. The couple owed their lives to the fact that this was a slot meter and the supply of gas ran out. If the gas had been on all night they would both have died.

Addressing the accused, Sir Robert Wallace said: "I am sure you do not intend to do anything of this kind again."
"No, my lord," the youth and the girl replied together.

In binding them over, Sir Robert Wallace remarked: "You are proposing to get married and you are getting on in business, so do your best."

YEUNG CHUNG

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION AT
GIRLS' SCHOOL

The annual distribution of prizes of the Yeung Chung Girls' College was held in the Ko Shing Theatre yesterday. The prizes were given away by Mr. Yu Wan, B.A., of the Education Department, and the certificates by Miss Cheung Yuk-mui, the headmistress.

Miss Cheung said the school report and referred to the increase in the number of girls during the year from 480 to 560. It was also stated that the graduates satisfied Mr. Yu Wan in all respects.

The presentation was followed by some interesting sports, the plays by the girl students, assisted by the members of the Old Yee Athletic Association.

MACDONA PRAYERS

TO STAGE "THE PHILANDERERS" AT KOWLOON

DOING WELL IN SHANGHAI

The Macdonna Players are giving a farewell performance in the Star Theatre, Kowloon, on the 15th instant.

Mr. Thomas A. Randall, the advance manager of The Macdonna Players who is passing through Hong Kong on the s.s. "Morea," informs us that the Company are playing to big houses in Shanghai.

The Company will be returning to Singapore on the s.s. "Kashgar" and arrangements have been made for them to perform on the night the ship will be in Hong Kong.

The play to be staged is "The Philanderer," a new play for Hong Kong. It will be the last opportunity to see this popular company perform.

Booking opens on Tuesday, 5th instant, at the Star Theatre, and Messrs. Moutrie's.

CUNARD CO.

THREAT OF LEGAL
ACTION IN U.S.A.

New York.—Another phase in the fight between the Cunard Line and the American shipping interests to secure for the British part of the winter tourist trade to Havana developed with the publication of a letter sent by Mr. Robert Blake, associate director of the Cunard Steamship Company, to Mr. T. V. O'Connor, chairman of the United States Shipping Board. Mr. Blake wrote:

"Your publicity has been full of references to your announced endeavour to drive the 'Caronia' out of the New York-Havana trade. We may find it necessary if we are damaged to any appreciable extent to appeal to the Courts for relief."

The Shipping Board, he says, has violated the Federal Statute in placing the liner "President Roosevelt" on the Havana route.

Mr. Blake goes on to say that the Cunard Line for the sake of peace made its rates 10 per cent. higher than those of the American Ward Line. The latter company, however, announced a 25 per cent. decrease, reducing its minimum from New York to Havana to \$24 as against the Cunard's \$35. The American United Fruit Company also announced a 25 per cent. reduction.

In objecting to the discrimination against the Cunard Line, Mr. Blake points out that the United Fruit Company operates two British ships in the New York-Cuba trade. "Never before," he says, "has any Government tried to prevent international shipping. If any foreign Government imposes discriminating restrictions on American shipping anywhere, the duty of the Shipping Board is to investigate and report it to the President for remedial action through diplomatic channels, and, failing such redress, to report it to Congress. If the British, French, or German Government, for instance, adopted such a position toward American shipping, that would be the duty of the Shipping Board."

The Shipping Board threatens to reduce its fares still further and to draw upon the \$2,000,000 voted by Congress to "protect" American shipping. Meanwhile the "President Roosevelt" is being extensively advertised as the fastest steamer on the Havana route.

The Ward Line announces that Mr. Wallace White, chairman of the Merchant Marine Committee of the House of Representatives, will seek to introduce legislation necessary to ensure protection for the routes within what American operators consider to be their sphere of influence, and will propose severe legal restrictions, discriminating between the duties of foreign vessels on these routes.

PORT OF BRISTOL

APPOINTMENT OF NEW
GENERAL MANAGER

At the last meeting of the Bristol City Council, a report was presented from the Salaries Committee dealing with re-arrangements which have recently taken place in the management of the docks. Alderman Widdling moved the adoption of this report, and Alderman Dyer (chairman of the Docks Committee), in seconding, said the scheme then put forward did not complete the re-arrangements that would be necessary. The "Capital Works" under the Docks Committee had nearly come to an end, and that the chief engineer of the port might well now be asked to undertake the duties of general manager. The Docks Committee considered the subject in all its bearings and the re-arrangements would result in a saving of over £10,000 a year.

The report appointing the chief engineer, Mr. T. A. Paine, as general manager in succession to Mr. R. H. Paine, was adopted. A recommendation that an assistant general manager should be appointed was agreed.

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Inquiry into the circumstances attending the wreck of the s.s. "Hsinwah" with much loss of life outside the Colony.
The rescue of a crew adrift at sea by the s.s. "Helios" (Captain Olsen).

Robbery of an American lawyer, Mr. Barry Eastham, and Mrs. Eastham, on the road between Peking and Tientsin.
Capture of Mr. Edward Young, a missionary, by Communists in the south of Kwangsi.

A special article on railways in Kwangtung, following the transfer of control to the Ministry of Railways in Nanking.

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THE VOLUNTEERS

CORPS ORDERS ISSUED FOR THE WEEK

ANNUAL INSPECTION

Orders for the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps this week, issued to-day by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O. (Administrative Commandant) read as follows:—

The G. O. C. will inspect the Corps on Friday, Feb. 22 on Murray Parade Ground at 5.50 p.m.

The Corps will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. as for ceremonial in four Companies.

No. 1 Company, under Captain F. Syme Thomson, composed of The Battery, Engineer Company, Signala, Reserve Company (less Scottish Reserves).

No. 2 Company, under Captain E. J. R. Mitchell, composed of M. I. Company, Armoured Car Section, Motor Cycle Section, Machine Gun Company.

No. 3 Company, under Captain K. S. Morrison, composed of Scottish Company, Scottish Reserves.

No. 4 Company, under Captain R. Davies, Portuguese Company.

Officer for King's Colour, 2/Lieut. M. A. Johnson, M.M.

Officer for Regimental Colour, 2/Lieut. H. R. Forsyth.

Dress: Corps Review Order—Helmet, khaki tunic, shorts, black boots, puttees, hosetops, belt rifle and bayonet, medals. Scottish Company will comply.

Practice Parade.—There will be a practice parade in uniform on Murray Parade Ground on Tuesday, February 19. Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

The parade Ground at Volunteer Headquarters will be available for Companies to hold practice parades in mufti as follows:—

No. 1 Company—Monday, Feb. 4.
No. 2 Company—Tuesday, Feb. 5.
No. 3 Company—Thursday, Feb. 7.

No. 4 Company—Friday, Feb. 15.
Band—Wednesday, Feb. 13.

All ranks are required to attend the G. O. C.'s Inspection unless specially exempted by The Commandant.

Applications for exemption supported by sufficient documentary or medical evidence to be submitted through Company Commanders.

Officers Sword Drill
All available Officers will parade under the Adjutant at 5.45 p.m. at Volunteer Headquarters on Tuesday, Feb. 5 and Thursday, Feb. 7.

Dress: Mufti, swords.
Musketry

The Engineer Company and Corps Signals will fire Table "T" at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, Feb. 3.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. R. D. Read.
Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Musketry Order i.e. rifle, belt, bayonet, braces and pouches. Uniform or mufti optional.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, Feb. 1, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, 2 and 4 p.m. or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Saturday, February, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Corps Band
The Band will parade at full strength at Headquarters on dates as hereunder:

Tuesday, Feb. 5.—Lecture Room.
Wednesday, Feb. 6.—Marching on Parade Ground.

The Battery
Monday, Feb. 4. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for practice for G. O. C.'s Inspection.

Dress: Drill order mufti.
Engineer Co.

Monday, Feb. 4. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for practice for G. O. C.'s Inspection.

Dress: Mufti, Belt bayonet and frog.
Musketry.

The attention of all ranks is drawn to this Corps Order para. 3 regarding Table "T" to be fired by the Engineer Company, on Sunday, Feb. 3.

Corps Signals
Monday, Feb. 4. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for practice for G. O. C.'s Inspection.

Dress: Mufti, Belt bayonet and frog.
Musketry.

The attention of all ranks is drawn to this Corps Order para. 3 regarding Table "T" to be fired by Signals on Sunday, Feb. 3.

Mounted Infantry Co.
Tuesday, Feb. 5. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for practice for G. O. C.'s Inspection.

Dress: Mufti, rifle, belt and side arms.
Thursday, Feb. 7. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Overalls.

Armoured Car Co.
Armoured Car and Motor Cycle Sections will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 5 for practice for G. O. C.'s Inspection. Dress for above parade drill order mufti.

Car Section. Fridays, Feb. 1 and 8. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for run around the Island in the Armoured Car.

Machine Gun Co.
The whole Company will parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 5 in mufti with rifle, belt and sidearms for practice for G. O. C.'s Inspection, except those detailed by O. C. No. 1 Platoon for M.G. Part 1 at Kennedy Road Range. Those firing M. G. Part 1.

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On demand	133 1/4
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Wire	133 1/4
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Stockholm	18.14
Copenhagen	18.19
Oslo	18.19
Vienna	34.51
Prague	163 1/4
Helsingfors	192 1/4
Madrid	80.35
Lisbon	109 1/2
Athens	375
Bucharest	807 1/4
Rio	5 29/32
Buenos Aires	47 1/4
Bombay	1/6
Shanghai	2/6 1/4
Hong Kong	2
Yokohama	1/10 13/32
Silver Spot	26 3/16
Silver Forward	26 1/4
—British Wireless Service.	

to proceed by Ford Truck under
Lieut. A. H. Penn at 5.15 p.m.
Dress: Overalls.

Scottish Co.
Thursday, Feb. 7 at 5.30 p.m.

Nos. 5 and 7 Platoons will parade at Corps Headquarters for Squad and Arms Drill. Dress: Mufti, rifle, belt and sidearms.

No. 6 Platoon will parade at Kowloon Dock for Squad and Arms Drill. Dress as for Nos. 5 and 7 Platoons.

Practice Parade on Tuesday, Feb. 19, 1929.

Annual Inspection on Friday, Feb. 22.

Review Order for Scottish Company is spats, diced hose, flashes, kilt, sporran, tunic, glengarry, rifle, belt and sidearms.

Musketry Part II. The final opportunity for those who have not yet fired is Sunday, Feb. 17 at Tal-koo. Details later.

Portuguese Co.
Friday, Feb. 8. The Company will be expected to parade as strong as possible at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

Dress: Uniform optional. Arms, Rifle, belt and bayonet.

Recruits. All recruits will parade at Corps Headquarters on Monday, Feb. 4, at 5.30 p.m.

Dress: As for Company Parade, Rifle Club. Reference Company Orders of Corps Orders of last week para. 12. The date should read Feb. 24.

Reserve Co.
Monday, Feb. 4. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for practice for G. O. C.'s Inspection.

Dress: Drill order mufti.
Strength

The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under.

No. 1442 Pte. E. G. Dale, M. I. Company from 25. 1. 29.

No. 1443 Pte. J. T. Lacey, No. 2 Platoon, from 29. 1. 29.

Promotions.
The following promotions will take effect from Feb. 1, 1929.

Reserve Co.
No. 411 C.Q.M.S. R. W. Lee-Jones, to be C.S.M.

No. 112 Sergt. J. A. Howe, to be C.Q.M.S.

No. 1004 Pte. H. West, to be Lance Sergt.

Long Service Medal.
H. E. the Governor has awarded the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medals to the undermentioned:—W. O. and N. C. O. on the Jan. 24, 1929.

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North China Insurance	\$160 b
Yangtze Insurance	\$350 n
China Underwriters	\$2 b 2.20 s
China Fire Insurance	\$280 b
H.K. Fire Insurance	\$785 n
Shipping	
Douglases	\$36 b 37 s
H.K. Steamboats	\$28.90 n
H.K. Tags & Lighters	\$1.40 b
Indo-China (Pref.)	\$50 b
Indo-China (Def.)	\$90 n
Shell Transports	\$97 1/8 n
Shell Transports (new)	—
Union Water-Boats	\$22 1/2 n x Div.
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Benguets	\$2.40 b
Kailan Mining Ad.	\$69 7/8 n
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Shanghai Explorations	\$2.90 b
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Hongkews	\$162 1/4 b
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H.K. & S. Hotels	\$9.15 b
H.K. Lands	\$55 n
Shanghai Lands	\$165 b
Humphreys' Estates	\$15 b
H.K. Realities	\$8 1/2 b
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Prince's Buildings	—
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H.K. Tramways	\$20.40 b 20.60 s
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Star Ferries	\$71 1/2 s
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China Lights (new)	—
China Lights 1928 issue	—
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	[6.80 n new]
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Cements (old)	\$7.80 n
Cements (new)	\$1 1/4 b
H.K. Ropes (old)	\$7.20 n
Hong Kong Ropes (new)	\$7.10 n
United Asbestos	\$5 n
Stores, &c.	
Dairy Farms	\$21 1/4 b 21 1/2 s
Watsons	\$13.30 s
Der A. Wings	\$80 cts. b
Lane, Crawford's	\$3.05 n
Mackintoshes	\$20 n
Sinceres	\$10 1/4 b
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SOCCER

League Programme Resumes

THE INTERPORT

Shield Matches and the Gate Money

[By "Rover"]

A full League programme with three 1st Division matches at Hong Kong and two at Kowloon, and the leading clubs running a neck and neck race in both divisions, is down for to-morrow as follows:—

Hong Kong League, Division I—kick-off 4.15 p.m.

Chinese Athletic v. Club, Club ground—referee, L.S.B.A. Atkinson, R.N.

K.O.S.B. Regt. v. Navy, Chatham-road—referee, Captain Austin, R.A.

Small Units v. Police, Sookumpoo—referee, Mr. F. Smith.

South China A.A. v. Kowloon A.F.C., Caroline Hill—referee, B.M. Kerslake.

Recreio v. Queen's Regt., King's Park—referee—C.P.O. Cowan.

Hong Kong League, Division II—kick-off 2.45 p.m.

K.O.S.B. Regt. v. Small Units, Sookumpoo—referee, Mr. Ip Kauko.

Queen's Regt. v. South China A, Chatham-road—referee, Mr. Stokes.

Chinese Athletic v. South China B, Caroline Hill—referee, Pte. Lamb.

St. Joseph's v. R.A.F., St. Joseph's ground, Happy Valley—referee, A. B. Crawley.

R.A. Res. v. Navy Res., Chinese ground, Happy Valley—referee, Pte. Farnsworth.

Recreio v. Eastern, King's Park—referee, Coxn. Willis.

The Senior League competition resumes again on Saturday with five good matches, only the R.A. being out owing to a re-arrangement of fixtures.

The Club and Athletic match at the Valley should produce a good afternoon's sport, but the Club will miss Goldman very much, business exigencies compelling the return of this popular and clever player to Shanghai. The Club's chief sting in attack will be missing, but they should make the Athletic go all the way in a hard match although the Athletic should get the points.

At Sookumpoo, Small Units, unless the unexpected happens, should provide Police with two more points, as the Police are strengthening their team and Howarth and Pile will both be available in the near future, if not on Saturday. Police with a spare man or two will be a hard lot to hold till the end of the season and are making a bold bid for the championship.

The other match at Hong Kong is at Caroline Hill, where Kowloon are the visitors. The Railway team has been showing steady form since the early part of the season, and should give South China a very hard game. South China are finding the return matches with the various clubs much sterner than the earlier ones, and naturally as leaders in the League meet the strongest opposition, as leadership is oftentimes more difficult to retain than to obtain.

South China won the last match at Kowloon rather easily, playing brilliant football, but they show lately a slight falling off, and unless they can get their old-time confidence back, Kowloon may spring a surprise. Chances, however, favour the Home-side and if they can produce their best form they should secure full points.

Kowloon has two senior League matches on Saturday; the Recrio and Queen's Regt. match should be a fine one. Queen's won on the last occasion they visited King's Park, but have lately fallen slightly from grace. A return of their old form on Saturday should just give them the advantage and

The fight for the championship in the first Division is very keen, South China is still leading with Queen's and Athletic holding good records. Police also are in the running and although Navy have a very outside chance of getting in the first four their good form lately points to many upsets in the League table before the end of the season.

Jottings

With the announcement of the Shanghai Interport Team visiting Hong Kong, also the probable constitution of the Hong Kong Interport XI, the Interport match is now the big sporting event of the Soccer world. With only another week to go, chances in the Hong Kong XI are not probable, unless weather conditions necessitate a last hour reshuffle. The Interport XI as selected played very well on Wednesday against a good Navy XI and a feature of the game was the bright play of the Interport forwards. On most Hong Kong grounds, and in Hong Kong's usual conditions Barkham, Fung, Gosano, Suen and Chan will take a lot of beating as a forward line and are certainly our best.

Remedios, McKelvie and Lau are as good as the best we have got in the half back line, although I would still have preferred Hudson's experience and judgment to Remedios, who is but a youngster yet, for these matches, but who played in the last Shanghai match down here and did well. Wynne and Bishop are a good pair. The Club man can always be relied on for a bit above Club form in important matches and Clarke has yet to be beaten as our best all-round goalie. Under any weather conditions this team should not be beaten in Hong Kong, but I expect to see the Shanghai team turn out man for man much heavier excepting at full back.

Interport week should provide us with three rattling good Soccer matches, with the chief item on Monday, February 11, when it is hoped our chosen representatives will justify the good confidence of the selectors with a good win in a big sporting match.

In connection with the H.K.F.A. Council meeting held during the week Mr. R. M. Dyer, President of the F.A. was elected Chairman of the Interport Dinner to be held on Saturday of the Interport week. The Council meetings this year so far have been characterized by strong representation of all officials of the Association, absentees having been the exception for only urgent reasons, and Mr. R. Hall Chairman has had the support of a full Council including the Naval and Military representatives, and invariably the presence of the President and Vice-President of the Association at all meetings.

The financial statements of the Association and associated competitions are presented monthly and controversial matters are given fair hearing. All clubs' interests are well considered.

The draw for the Senior shield second round which was made at the Council meeting resulted in four good fixtures as follows:—

Queen's v. K.O.S.B. Regt., Sookumpoo.

Athletic v. Kowloon, Club ground.

South China v. Navy, Caroline Hill.

Recreio v. Police, King's Park.

As the first Club in each case out of the hat has choice of ground and takes all gate money in the rounds of the Shield, it will be seen that Recrio are again fortunate, the Navy who also survived the first round of the Shield being now drawn away.

An unwritten rule of the Shield competition provides no share of the gate for the visiting Club, and with Hong Kong Soccer so popular as it is, this rule at the next annual general meeting of the clubs certainly should be revised on a more fair basis.

Kowloon and Police certainly should support its amendment. The rules of the E.F.A. are not far wrong in this respect and Hong Kong should come in line.

GOLF

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY

AT FANLING

8.44 a.m.	A. E. Wood, R. H. Hollis.
8.56 "	J. Thayer, R. K. Hepburn.
9.00 "	C. B. Riggs, H. Spicer.
9.24 "	L. Garner, S. A. Sleep.
9.28 "	A. Leach, A. G. Coppin.
9.32 "	Major Beamish, J. P. Warren.
9.36 "	J. D. Thomson, K. S. Robertson.
9.40 "	L. D. Beaumont, H. N. Laver.
9.44 "	G. E. Ellams, L. Yates.
9.48 "	W. R. Mansfield, G. Miskin.
9.52 "	T. A. Martin, W. Clark.
9.56 "	A. H. Ferguson, L. G. S. Dodwell.
10.00 "	H. F. Bloxham, W. D. Brown.
10.04 "	S. T. Bavin, A. O. Brown.
10.08 "	D. Forbes, T. Cameron.
10.12 "	A. D. Humphreys, H. A. Lammer.
10.16 "	C. L. Shank, H. Shantz.
10.20 "	W. Beveridge, M. D. Scott.
10.24 "	G. D. Black, F. A. Perry.
10.28 "	F. M. Ellis, M. G. Mills.
10.32 "	J. P. Sherry, A. W. Roberts.
10.36 "	D. L. King, G. E. Mitchell.
10.40 "	W. L. Dunbar, A. E. Lissaman.
10.44 "	G. W. Sewell, E. C. Frederick.
10.48 "	J. Raikes, S. Berg.
10.52 "	W. J. S. Key, H. G. Hoaward.
10.56 "	C. J. Waddell, A. R. Cox.
11.00 "	W. K. Tait, J. Coulthart.
11.04 "	J. S. MacLaren, F. A. Merry.
11.08 "	S. S. Perry, D. Ellis.
11.12 "	D. J. Gilmore, N. K. Littlejohn.
11.16 "	R. A. Campbell, T. L. Christie.
11.20 "	D. M. Goodall, A. Morley.

RUGBY

THE FINAL INTERPORT TRIAL

The following will represent the Rugby Section of the H.K.F.A. in the final trial match versus United Services on the Club ground, at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow:—
J. Ride; R. J. Grieve, G. A. L. Plummer, V. W. L. Stanton, M. D. Scott; C. D. Wales (captain), J. L. Bonnar, J. Milne-Day, H. F. Akehurst, W. Leckie, E. R. West, J. Riddell, W. Lithgow-Smith, R. P. Moodie, B. P. Massey. Reserves: W. Beveridge, J. Merry. Referee: H. L. F. Ewin, Touch-judge: A. Gordon.

Lady Sheffield, who is ill at her London residence, 19, Hyde Park street, was recently reported to be in a dangerous condition.

NOTICE

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

EXTRA MEETINGS, 1929.

Provisional Dates of Meetings.
9th March.
30th March & 1st April.
13th April.
27th April.
18th & 20th May.
12th & 14th October.
26th October.
18th November.
30th November.

By Order,

C. R. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 1st Feb., 1929.

SCOTT WINS

ON FOUL AGAINST TED SANDWINA

BIG HOME INTEREST

London, Yesterday. In a 15-round heavyweight match at the Albert Hall Sandwina was disqualified for a foul on Phil Scott in the fifth round. The fight was, beforehand, considered to be a stern test for the British Heavyweight Champion of both strength and punch, the young German-American, excelsior performer, Sandwina, being very formidable. There was tremendous interest in the bout and the hall was sold out.—Reuter.

MOTHER'S QUEST

SON DIES JUST BEFORE SHIP REACHES HOME

About 1,400 troops returning from foreign service just missed spending their Christmas in their homes, says the "Daily Mail" of Dec. 27. The transport "Somersetshire," which was expected on Monday evening, did not arrive at Southampton until 11.30 on Tuesday morning, so they had to be content with festivities on board.

There was a pathetic incident when the troops landed: A mother had come to meet her son who was in the Royal Scots. He was being invalided home from Shanghai. She knew that he had a leg amputated, but when she inquired for him she was told that he died on Tuesday morning. The troops included the 2nd Gloucestershire Regiment, who were returning on the expiration of 18 years' foreign service. Three of the men had been with the regiment during the whole of that time.

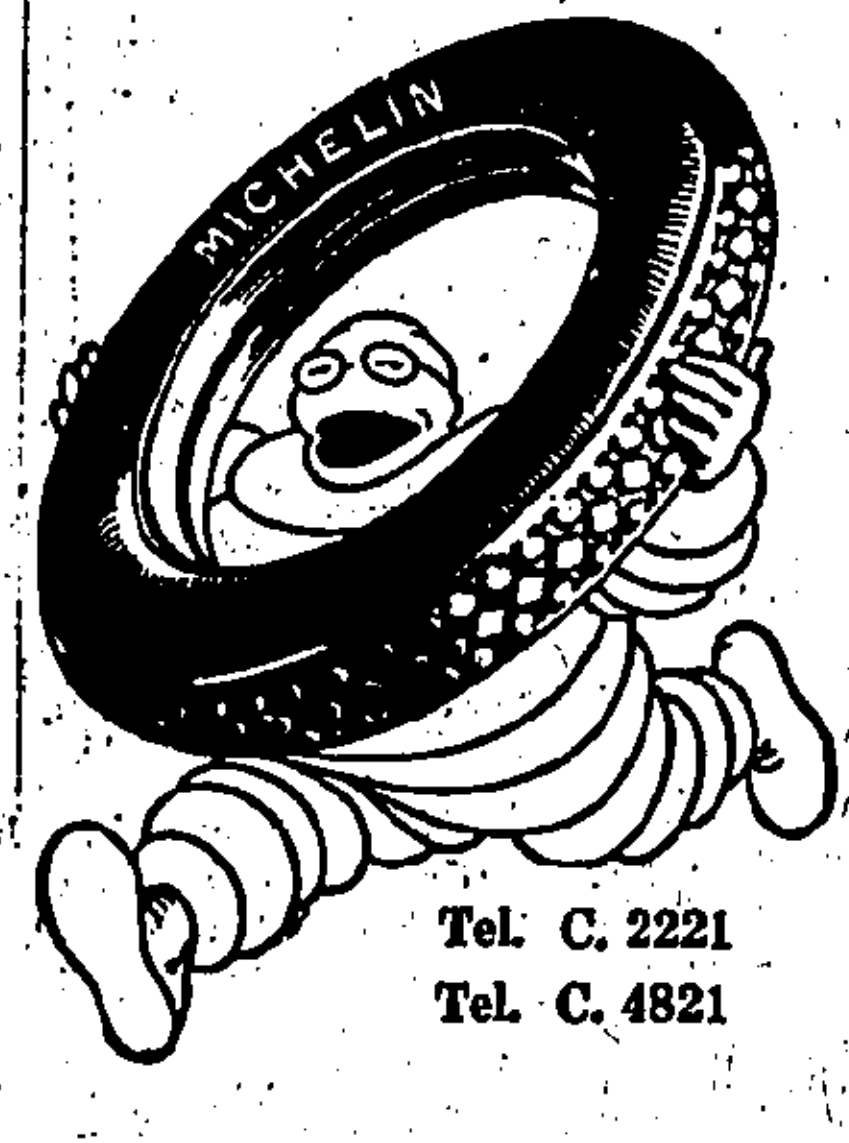
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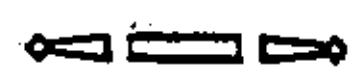
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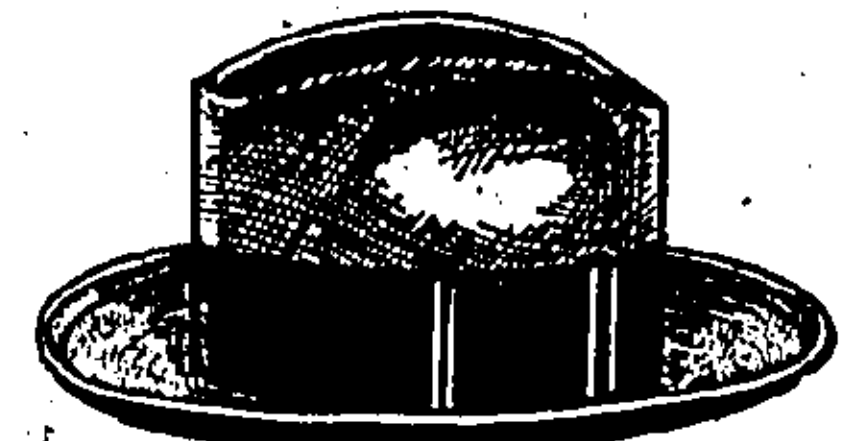
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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

Alfonso and General Rivera



Here is an unusual photo of H.M. King Alfonso of Spain (right), and General Primo de Rivera, the Spanish dictator, taken during a royal hunt over the estate of the Count of Florida Blanca at Toledo. Notice the quaint national hunting skirt which the King is wearing.

Tom Mix



The famous cowboy screen star with his mount, Tony. His youngster, Thomasina, is in school in Europe.

Fires Tennis Balls in Bursts



Here is a "machine gun" which "Pop" Fuller, the University of California athletic coach, uses to fire tennis balls across practice courts. Pupils are thus enabled to concentrate on any stroke which they wish to build up, the ejector shooting the balls with almost the precision of a rifle. It is an adaptation of the apparatus perfected by Rene Lacoste, the great French player.

Seamen's Annual Dinner



The annual dinner to the Merchant Service was held by the Missions to Seamen, Shanghai, the S.V.C. Club, by permission of Col. H. Orpen-Palmer, Commandant of the S.V.C. Dean Trivett (President) was in the chair, supported by Mrs. Trivett, Col. Orpen-Palmer, Mr. P. W. Skeet (Secretary) and Rev. T. W. Hall (the Chaplain).—(Ah Fong.)

Alleged Girl Robber



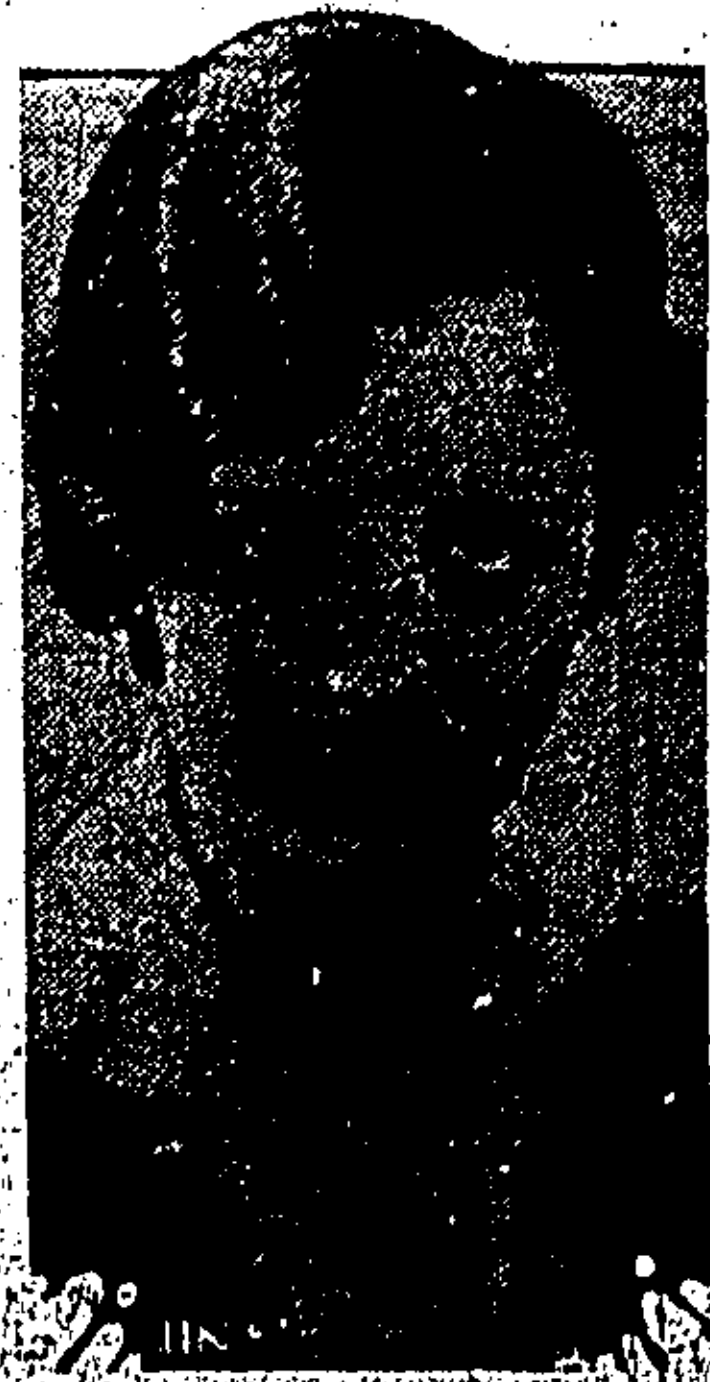
The 19-years-old "Dashing Dora" Bragg in a demure pose outside a gaol in Virginia, where she was detained on charges of complicity in a series of spectacular store robberies and hold-ups. She was arrested with a male companion when her motor-car ceased to function during an escape.

Evelyn Brent



Of Hollywood, who recovered from influenza in time to enjoy the Christmas holidays.

Mary Astor



Another film star

A Count on His Honeymoon



Count Folke Bernadotte of Sweden and his bride, the former Miss Estelle Manville, during their honeymoon in the south of the U.S.A. Inset, as they appeared at their wedding. Miss Manville comes from an old Colonial family.

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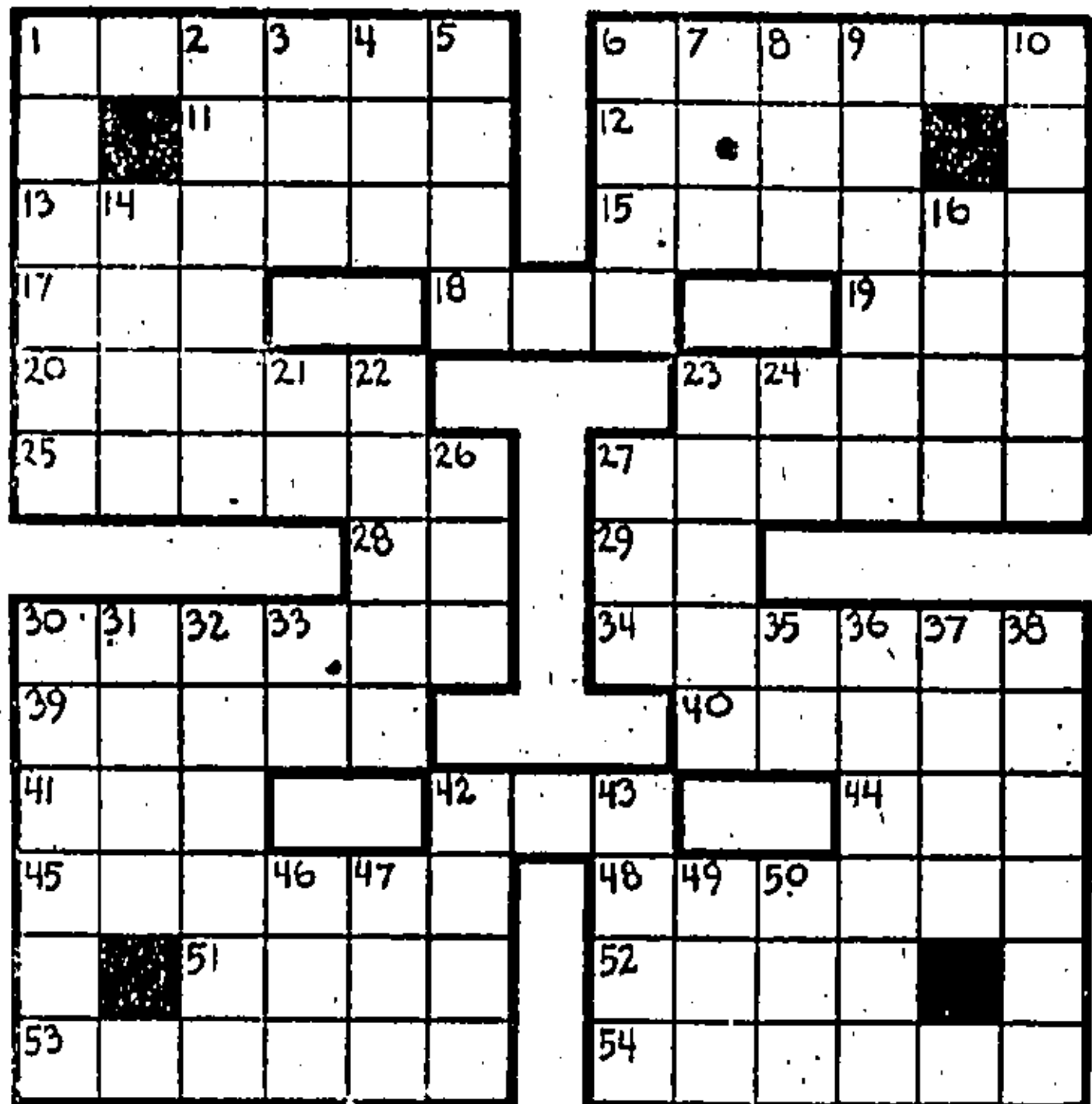
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

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HORIZONTAL

- 1—Former coin of Venice (pl.)
- 6—A volcanic rock
- 11—Approach to a mine
- 12—One (Latin)
- 13—Turtled
- 15—Halcyon
- 17—Anger
- 18—An American poet
- 19—Suffix. Same as "an"
- 20—Etruscan household gods
- 23—A famous English admiral
- 25—The glossy coating of teeth
- 27—Hurried
- 28—Unlabeled type
- 29—The king of Bashan
- 30—A popular narrative poem
- 34—Large river in New Zealand
- 39—A spirit of the air
- 40—A mistake
- 41—A constellation
- 42—Interjection. Contempt

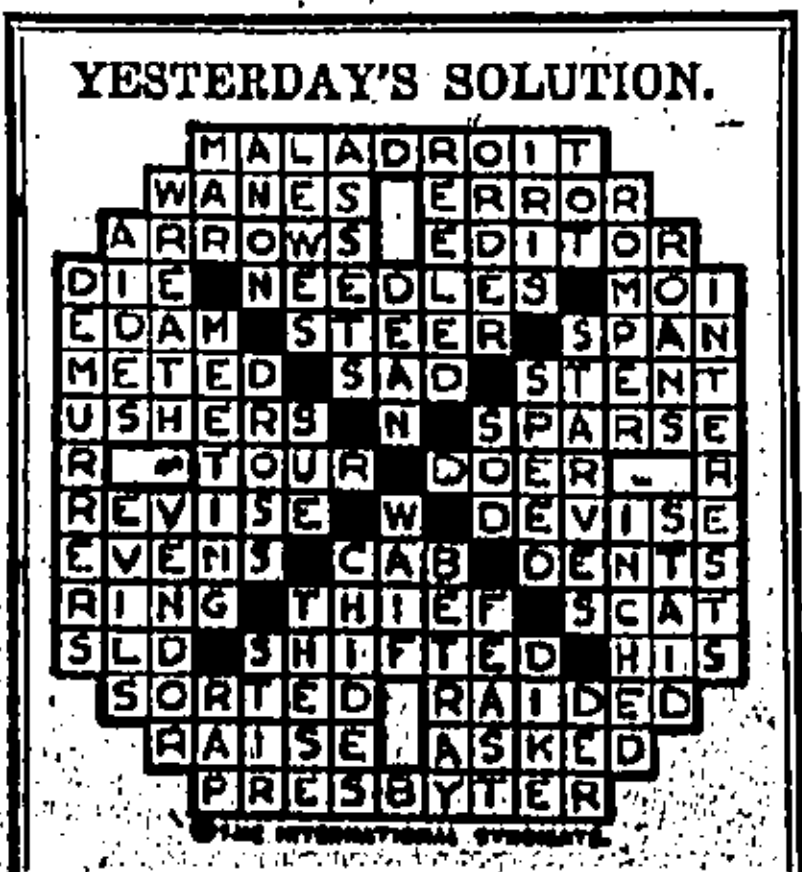
HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 44—A Hebrew high priest
- 46—A great European river
- 48—Daily allowances for soldiers (French)
- 51—A noted English school
- 52—A frog
- 53—To yield
- 54—A city in N. W. France

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 14—A seaport, N. W. Algeria
- 16—To grasp
- 21—A type measure
- 22—Part of a flower
- 23—A military musical instrument
- 24—Left side (abbr.)
- 25—A hat (slang)
- 27—A fabulous bird
- 30—The Norse god of summer sunlight
- 31—An open space
- 32—Marie's name
- 33—The (French)
- 35—An ancient Chaldean city
- 36—A large rock-boring tool
- 37—A perforation
- 38—Does up
- 42—Crooked
- 43—Mister (German)
- 46—An American Indian
- 47—Good (French)
- 48—To (Book)
- 50—A cape on coast of Massachusetts

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)



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FALSE ASSUMPTIONS

THE DRAMATIST'S NEED FOR ACCURACY

When a dramatist gives an accurate picture of what happens behind the scenes he is surely guilty of a serious fault. I am thinking in particular of Mr. Emyln Williams's very promising play "Glamour," now at the Court, stated John Shand in the "Daily Telegraph" in mail week.

Some of the assumptions upon which he bases his plot are, to say the least, misleading. Jill, a village maiden, comes to London determined to be a famous actress like her relative, Eve Lone, who is a musical comedy star. Eve is the mistress of the man who finances her shows. He takes a fancy to Jill, gets her a place in the chorus, pays for her lessons in singing and so on, and within a year Jill is ready to take the star part in his next show. He puts her in Eve's place, although Eve has been playing the part in the preliminary tour. Jill is to "pay the price" of her advancement by taking Eve's place in another sense, but on the first night she decides that Love in a Village is finer than Fame in the West-end, throws up her part, and Eve goes on instead. These are the relevant facts.

Now when Eve hears that she has been supplanted she behaves as if (a) there were no such things as contracts and damages, and (b) as if she could never get another job in the theatre. Since she plays the star role in the preliminary tour and has no idea but that she is to play it in town, presumably she has a contract to that effect. Thus heavy damages for the breaking of her contract would have consoling her for the loss of her part. Since, also, she has been a star for many years, and has only just reached middle age, it is ridiculous for her to behave as if her career were irrevocably ruined. If she is talented enough to be a star, other people will be anxious to engage her. If she has no talent, Mr. Williams is asking us to believe that money alone will make an actress famous, which is absurd. Money will certainly help a woman to the top; money may even place her there for a few nights; but only real talent will keep her there. This being the case, Eve is obviously independent of the man who first helped her.

The same false assumption lies behind Jill's behaviour, to say nothing of some false psychology. Either Jill has talent or she has not. If not, she is, of course, very wise to run away from the final test; but in this case, she cannot make any heroic gestures about giving up fame for love. But if she has the power to succeed it is incredible that she would give up the race once having started, even if she gave up that particular method of gaining a chance to show her gifts. Talent will out, even in the theatre, despite the author's assumption that money maketh the star actress, money which she can only obtain by losing her character. I do not wish to be rude, but this is nonsense, and Mr. Williams ought to know it.

MUSIC'S SURPRISING EFFECT

"Music has become so popular, it has obtained such undoubted supremacy as a means of amusement and enjoyment, and sometimes of education and refinement, that we often forget to consider whence comes its surprising effect, its irresistible strength. Thousands of people rush to concerts and to operas, are delighted with the sweet sounds, the rich harmonies, the enchanting melodies which sedate their ears; yet not one in each thousand will take the trouble to analyse the source of his enjoyment; and many, if they endeavour to do so, would be unable to account for it."—Pauer.

"The Silver King," by Henry Arthur Jones, has been adapted for the screen by Fenn Sherie, and is to be produced at Cricklewood by the Welsh-Pearson-Elder Company, under the direction of T. Hayes Hunter. The part of Wilfred Denver, with which the name of Willson Barrett was so long associated, will be played by Percy Marmont, who recently returned to Britain from Hollywood. Bernard Nedell, the bootlegger of the stage play "Broadway," is to be "the Spider."

A BUSY YEAR

SALIENT EVENTS IN MUSIC WORLD

Have we had a busy musical year? Doubtedly yes. Has it been particularly eventful? Doubtedly no. We have had a surfeit of concerts and recitals, with hardly a break in the "seasons." What have they given us by which music-lovers will remember 1928? London gets most of the world's famous singers, pianists, violinists, and the rest, and as good orchestral performances as one can hope for under existing conditions. And London hears most of the newest music, both native and foreign, that comes into existence, states Ernest Kuhe in the "Daily Telegraph."

By these tokens you might not unnaturally assume that concert-goers have had much to be grateful for in the past twelve months. But now let us glance back at the year's salient events, and consider briefly what all this music-making amounts to in point of real, vital interest. First—reserving the opera season for later mention—which among the many new works produced have made anything like a strong impression? To take our own composers first, Gustav Holst may claim pride of place for having added to his output a work which in no way disappointed his admirers. True, his "Edgdon Heath," to which the Royal Philharmonic Society introduced us, is hardly likely ever to make so direct an appeal to the ordinary listener as "The Planets." Its grey, sombre colouring, while exactly in tune with the passage from Hardy which inspired the composer, would inevitably lessen its chances of wide popularity. Yet all who heard "Edgdon Heath" will agree that it does reflect with undeniable sureness and skill the right feeling of mystery and solitude. Granville Bantock's oratorio, based on "The Pilgrim's Progress," was discussed so recently on its production at a B.B.C. concert as to render unnecessary any further consideration of its qualities. Enough to say that it was not less than an heroic attempt to carry to success a task that almost any composer might have hesitated to undertake.

In the way of smaller scale compositions, Arthur Bliss has given us a quintet for oboe and strings which some, at least, among those who heard it ranked with his best work, while Arnold Bax's third piano sonata in G sharp minor at any rate showed in abundant measure the fertility of resource of which he seems always to have command. Then, as representing the younger generation of native musicians, we had, in William Walton's Symphony Concertante, a work that, in spite of some natural tokens of immaturity, was of decided interest as marking a further stage in the development of a youthful composer of undoubted gifts.

Of foreign music that was new to us I am not sure that in some respects the most arresting example was not Sibelius's symphonic poem, "Tapiola," given during the Promenade season, in the course of which Sir Henry Wood also produced Kodaly's suite, "Hari Janos," an exuberant and invigorating piece of music which should be heard again. A Philharmonic concert acquainted us with Medtner's piano concerto (No. 2) in C—a score that reveals an inventive and ingenious mind at work in making new (or something like new) use of the old forms. Of considerably less importance was Casella's violin concerto, which, brilliantly played by Sziget, was more remarkable, on the whole, for characteristically brilliant writing than for any other qualities. Nor did the work of another representative Italian musician, Respighi's "Venezia di Chiese," create anything like a lasting impression.

Interesting Novelties
On the other hand, Janacek's imaginatively-coloured "Sinfonietta" proved to be a work of which the variety and virility were astonishing considering that the composer was over 70 when he wrote it. Ernest Bloch's "Israel" Symphony must also be numbered among the most interesting and distinctive of the year's novelties. Nor must I omit mention—since the work caused an immense amount of discussion—of the lately produced symphony with which Kurt Atterberg, a Swedish composer, won the Columbia Graphophone Company's Schubert centenary prize of £2,000. Apropos the centenary, musicians of every kind and grade have honoured it in one way or another, there as well as abroad.

For the rest, where concerts are concerned, we have had visits from the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Furtwangler, the Budapest Orchestra, directed by Dalmay, and the Halle Orchestra, whose playing, under Sir Hamilton Harty again showed what can be achieved in this country by a permanent orchestra in association with a permanent conductor of the first rank. The more keenly, there-

fore, must we await the materialisation of Sir Thomas Beecham's scheme for the foundation of such an orchestra. Apart from orchestral concerts of exceptional note, events to be gratefully remembered have included the various series of recitals given by the Loner and the International Quartets, the playing of the wonderful Flonzaleys (alas! their farewell), and that, among other interpreters of chamber music, of the Viennese and Pro Arte Quartets and our own I.S.Q. Then, among musical "stars" of the first magnitude who have visited us, one may single out Paderewski, whose return after a long absence naturally aroused considerable enthusiasm.

The Opera Season

To the last I have left mention of affairs operatic, not because opera can be dismissed as of secondary importance, but simply because it has filled only a relatively small place in our musical cosmos. Covent Garden opened its doors as usual for a summer season which gave us two cycles of "The Ring," most of the performances conducted by Bruno Walter. Of the other Wagner operas only two were given—"Tanhauser" and "Die Meistersinger." The German season, however, included a revival of Gluck's "Armide." Another revival later was that of Charpentier's "Louise," which showed distinct signs of aging.

There was no actual novelty, but "Turandot," the first London production of which gave a special interest to the 1927 season, had a welcome place again in the repertory, and Eva Turner's singing in the title-part—a most exciting test—will probably be remembered, together with Frida Leider's superb Brunnhilde, as perhaps the finest of the season's achievements. Memorable also was Chailapine's Mephistopheles in "Faust," as also, of course, his Boris.

Very little has occurred in the past year to comfort those who are perpetually crying out for opera in English, except the assurance that the Beecham scheme is moving, however slowly, towards its much-desired consummation. The B.N.O.C., still putting up a gallant—and, one is glad to learn, not altogether unsuccessful—fight in the provinces, and experiencing the usual vicissitudes of operatic vagrants, advertised no nearer London than Lewisham. The performances I saw them give there of "Parsifal," and other operas, were remarkably good. And the Old Vic, now quite a comfortable building, has been giving performances of operas, ranging from "The Magic Flute" to "La Boheme," which have more than upheld the standard set by Miss Lilian Baylis.

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MR. BRIDGEMAN'S TALK ON NAVAL SITUATION

FAITH IN PACT

London, Yesterday. Speaking at the Constitutional Club on the naval situation Mr. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, said the Government's naval policy was as it always had been in this country, a Pacific policy. He did not subscribe to the view that an adequate British Navy was in any way a menace to the peace of the world. On the contrary, he regarded it as a great safeguard and our purpose was to be of use wherever we could. We had to ensure a free passage of sea not only for our raw materials but also for very food, on which our existence depended.

Prepared to Reduce

Our view of disarmament was that we were quite prepared to make a reduction of armaments so long as it left unimpaired that insurance against loss of the freedom of the seas which was essential to the very existence of the country. We had made a great many reductions and we had no need to make many more which had not always been accepted. We had done our part and more than our part in the direction of reductions. —British Wireless Service.

U. S. Cruiser Bill

"I have complete confidence that the nation which introduced the Kellogg Pact and the people who signed it will keep the peace of the world," added Mr. Bridgeman. In regard to America's cruiser bill, he stated, it was no business of ours to interfere. —Reuter.

FAR EAST TRADE

CHINESE MERCHANTS SPEAK AT PARIS

INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER

London, Yesterday. The Preparatory Committee on Chinese questions appointed by M. Alberto Pirelli (President of the International Chamber of Commerce) to prepare for discussion the problem of Chinese reconstruction at the congress of the Chamber at Amsterdam in July next, met at Paris on Jan. 26, 27, 28. It was attended by a delegation of representatives of the National Association of Chinese Chambers of Commerce headed by Mr. Long Liang.

Best Attention

The Committee was gratified to hear the programme agreed upon at Shanghai and Nanking, including the balancing of the Chinese budget, reduction of military expenditure etc., and discussed at length with the Shanghai delegates the basic financial, industrial and commercial problems of Chinese economies, and the development of commercial transactions. The Chinese delegation asserted that the economic restoration of China and the development of international trade depended on China being treated by all nations on a footing of strict equality. The Committee recorded the fact that developments in China necessitated contemplating revision of the past regime in the interest of all parties. M. Pirelli stated that the International Chamber of Commerce will give its best attention to problems of the East. —Reuter.

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SESSIONS CASES CONTINUE NEXT WEEK

FORGERY TRIAL CHALLENGE

After consulting the jury, His Honour the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan, C.B.E.), presiding at the January Criminal Session to-day, announced that the Court would not sit to-morrow (in which event a number of Bankruptcy cases will be heard) and will resume on Monday at 10.30 a.m., or shortly afterwards as his Lordship expects to dispose of a civil action in a few minutes. His Honour the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood), having returned from leave yesterday, sat in Summary Jurisdiction this morning and dealt with a long "Friday hearing list." His Lordship will be in Chambers to-morrow and will hear the last case in the January Sessions calendar on Monday.

"That is Absurd"

Mr. C. H. Eldridge of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Cor-

DRIZZLE OR MIST

N. winds, fresh, overcast, drizzle or mist is the forecast until noon to-morrow. The anti-cyclone over S. E. Mongolia has strengthened further. The Indo-China depression has filled up. Strong monsoon may be expected along the S. E. coast of China and fresh monsoon over the N. China sea.

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THE LAST TIME

(Continued from page 1.)

Lo Kwong-mia (1st in English, Mathematics, Science); Cheng Yung-ming (2nd in Mathematics).

Form III.—Yip Kung-chiu (Dux and 1st in English, History, Geography, Arithmetic, Mathematics); Leo Teng-nguan (1st in Scripture); Lee Wai-yeung (2nd in English I); Kwok Ying-chiu (1st in English II); Fan Chi-chiu (2nd in History, Geography); Tang Pik-chee (2nd in Arithmetic).

Form II.—Kam Cheung-ying (Dux and 1st in Scripture, English I); Kwok Hing-chung (1st in English II); Chang Shiu-fook (1st in Geography); Li Hon-fan (1st in Arithmetic).

Form IA.—So Ting-chu (Dux and 1st in English I); Cheung Wing-ngai (1st in Scripture (tie); Li Hin-hang (1st in Scripture (tie); Li Hin-jun (1st in English II); Lim Siu-tai (1st in Arithmetic).

Form IB.—Chan Kai-yung (Dux and 1st in English, Scripture); Au Kwai-sang (1st in Arithmetic); Ue Sai-yim (2nd in Scripture).

Dux of the Chinese School 1928: Chui Kai-ming (gold medal).

Form VI.—let Lee Lok.

Form V.—let Leung Hau-yuen.

Middle A.—let Chui Kai-ming, 2nd Wong Cho-tong, 3rd Wong Sze-kit.

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Middle C.—let Cheng Yam-yue.

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Lower C.—let Yam Yue-ching, 2nd Kwok Hing-chung, 3rd Cheung Wing-ngai.

Cantonese Class.—1st Sod Kurama.

Scholarships 1928

Wei On.—Ling Sung-kui, Lee Lock.

Barnett.—Chang Tong-moh, Lai Hau-ek, Lee Hua-ngak.

Mok Kon-sang.—Ling Sung-kui.

University Certificates

Matriculation.—Chan Kwong-chung, Chang Yung-shing, Kho Peck-bo, Lee Lok, Tan Chu-sung, Teh Eng-lai.

Senior.—Chin Wong-fatt, George Lau, Ling Sung-kui (Distinction in English), Yeung Sze-keung.

Junior.—Chan Shiu-yim (Distinction in Mathematics), Chua Teck-hung, Lai Hau-ek, Lau Pong-wing (Distinction in Scripture), Raymond Lau, Lee Hua-ngak (Distinction in Scripture), Lee Khan-lau, Sod Kurama (Distinction in Mathematics), Tan Siu-chin, Wen Fitchol, Woo Tien-ki.

Tennis Tournament 1928

Open Doubles.—Lee Hua-ek and Lee Kok; runner-up: Mrs. Britton and Lee Hua-ek.

Junior Singles.—Chang Shiu-fook; runner-up: Woo Yui-chao.

Open Doubles.—Lee Hua-ngak; Lee Kwong-ting.

Senior Singles.—Lee Hua-ngak; runner-up: Lo Kwong-ting.

The Bishop's Praise

Mr. Duppy remarked that the College had had a year of very real progress, especially with regard to the new building on Stanley peninsula. He was glad that, well, the next speech day would be held in the new building. He recalled that when H.E. the

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London, Yesterday. The provisional time table has been issued by the Imperial Airways of the longest organised air-route in the world, namely a 5,000-miles weekly service from England to India for passengers, mails and freight to leave Croydon at 5.45 on the morning of Saturdays beginning March 30 and arriving at Karachi at 10.30 the following Friday, both Greenwich time. The return will be made from Karachi on Monday, arriving at Croydon on the following Sunday.

The actual flying-time is only 52 hours each way.

The service is primarily intended to accelerate mails and will greatly speed up those not only to India but also to Iraq, Palestine, Ceylon, Australasia, China and Japan. —Reuter.

THE LAST TIME

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Lo Kwong-mia (1st in English, Mathematics, Science); Cheng Yung-ming (2nd in Mathematics).

Form III.—Yip Kung-chiu (Dux and 1st in English, History, Geography, Arithmetic, Mathematics); Leo Teng-nguan (1st in Scripture); Lee Wai-yeung (2nd in English I); Kwok Ying-chiu (1st in English II); Fan Chi-chiu (2nd in History, Geography); Tang Pik-chee (2nd in Arithmetic).

Form II.—Kam Cheung-ying (Dux and 1st in Scripture, English I); Kwok Hing-chung (1st in English II); Chang Shiu-fook (1st in Geography); Li Hon-fan (1st in Arithmetic).

Form IA.—So Ting-chu (Dux and 1st in English I); Cheung Wing-ngai (1st in Scripture (tie); Li Hin-hang (1st in Scripture (tie); Li Hin-jun (1st in English II); Lim Siu-tai (1st in Arithmetic).

Form IB.—Chan Kai-yung (Dux and 1st in English, Scripture); Au Kwai-sang (1st in Arithmetic); Ue Sai-yim (2nd in Scripture).

Dux of the Chinese School 1928: Chui Kai-ming (gold medal).

Form VI.—let Lee Lok.

Form V.—let Leung Hau-yuen.

Middle A.—let Chui Kai-ming, 2nd Wong Cho-tong, 3rd Wong Sze-kit.

Middle B.—let Yip Kung-chiu, 2nd Chui Shiu-cheung, 3rd Ng Sumpun.

Middle C.—let Cheng Yam-yue.

Lower A.—let Kam Cheung-ying.

Lower B.—let Woo Hau-kong, 2nd Chan Kai-yung, 3rd Li Hon-fan.

Lower C.—let Yam Yue-ching, 2nd Kwok Hing-chung, 3rd Cheung Wing-ngai.

Cantonese Class.—1st Sod Kurama.

Scholarships 1928

Wei On.—Ling Sung-kui, Lee Lock.

Barnett.—Chang Tong-moh, Lai Hau-ek, Lee Hua-ngak.

Mok Kon-sang.—Ling Sung-kui.

University Certificates

Matriculation.—Chan Kwong-chung, Chang Yung-shing, Kho Peck-bo, Lee Lok, Tan Chu-sung, Teh Eng-lai.

Senior.—Chin Wong-fatt, George Lau, Ling Sung-kui (Distinction in English), Yeung Sze-keung.

Junior.—Chan Shiu-yim (Distinction in Mathematics), Chua Teck-hung, Lai Hau-ek, Lau Pong-wing (Distinction in Scripture), Raymond Lau, Lee Hua-ngak (Distinction in Scripture), Lee Khan-lau, Sod Kurama (Distinction in Mathematics), Tan Siu-chin, Wen Fitchol, Woo Tien-ki.

Tennis Tournament 1928

Open Doubles.—Lee Hua-ek and Lee Kok; runner-up: Mrs. Britton and Lee Hua-ek.

Junior Singles.—Chang Shiu-fook; runner-up: Woo Yui-chao.

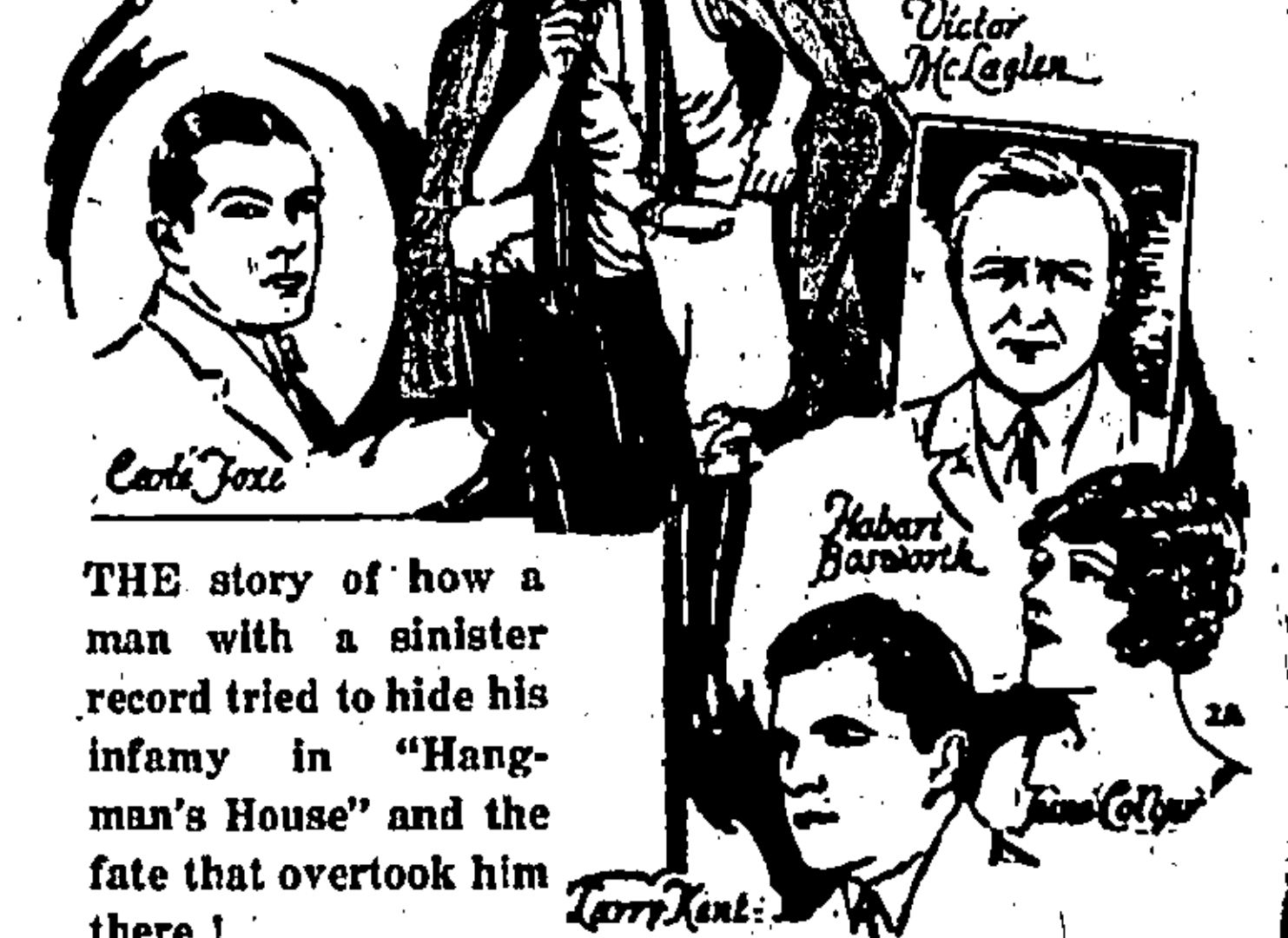
Open Doubles.—Lee Hua-ngak; Lee Kwong-ting.

Senior Singles.—Lee Hua-ngak; runner-up: Lo Kwong-ting.

The Bishop's Praise

Mr. Duppy remarked that the College had had a year of very real progress, especially with regard to the new building on Stanley peninsula. He was glad that, well, the next speech day would be held in the new building. He recalled that when H.E. the

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Governor was laying the foundation stone of the new building he said he hoped that the new St. Stephen's College would mark a new era both in education in Hong Kong and in China. That was the proud hope of the College.

He was glad they were moving to Stanley at a time when they had a much stronger staff. They had Mr. Britton with 15 years of experience at the College, Mr. Ling, Mr. Tang and Mr. Tam. In addition the staff had been considerably reinforced.

Introducing Mr. Kwok Shu-lau, Dr. Duppy said that for many years he had closely identified himself with educational work in the Colony.

Mr. Kwok delivered a short speech in Chinese, referring to the greater facilities which would be available in the new building.

In proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Kwok, the Hon. Dr. Tso pointed out that he was an old friend of the College and he could be relied upon strongly to support any educational work.